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THE HOPKINS-WARD LETTERS OF 1757.

CONTRIBUTED BY RAY GREENE HULING, FITCHBURG, MASS.

THESE letters, it is well known, formed a prominent episode in the contest for political supremacy which was waged so bitterly between the northern and southern portions of Rhode Island, for the thirteen years previous to the "agreement of 1768," and were the immediate occasion of the famous case of Hopkins v. Ward, begun in June, 1757, and terminated in September, 1760. They are now presented as carefully taken from printed copies on file in the records of the Worcester County Court of Common Pleas, at Worcester, Mass.

For a recent and excellent description of the political conflict, the reader is referred to Chapter VII of Mr. William E. Foster's "Stephen Hopkins," R. I. Historical Tracts, No. 19. Appendix K of the same work gives a succinct history of the libel suit, which was ultimately ended by the plaintiff's discontinuing the case and paying costs. A more exhaustive account is to be found in the Monthly Law Reporter for October, 1859.

THE LETTER OF GOV. HOPKINS.

HAVING been honored by my Countrymen, for the two last years, with the office of principal Magistrate in the Colony of *Rhode Island*; and as their Confidence in, and good Will towards me, have induced them to trust to my Administration, in a Place of so much Consequence, I am perswaded my Duty to them, and myself, requires, that I should give some public Account of the Behaviour, Conduct, and Character of those, who have made it their principal Business to use, or rather abuse, that Power with which they have been intrusted for better Purposes, only to embarrass, perplex, and calumniate all the Measures which have been taken, and were absolutely necessary, for carrying on the Public Service. The unhappy Circumstance of a War in our own Country, the Advances the enemy hath made toward us, and the Commands of the King, our Sovereign, have made it necessary, that greater Numbers of Soldiers should be raised in this Colony, and sent abroad, than had ever been before. This hath occasioned greater Expences than this Colony hath been used to be burthened with, and being sensibly felt by the People, hath proved a fruitful source of defaming the Administration, and all those principally concerned in it. The Gentlemen I have reference to, taking Advantage of even the Distresses of their own Country, have not failed commonly to oppose raising of Soldiers, only from the popular Topic, that it would be an Expense, tho' both were necessary for saving the Country itself. When the common Safety prevailed, and the Soldiers were ordered, notwithstanding their opposition, they still with watchful and unapproving Eyes, overlooked every Officer, as he was endeavoring to carry Measures into Execution. Where they could, they obstructed, and where they could not do that, they misrepresented every Step that was taken. One Example among many that might be produced, is of the Committee of War, who have had the principal Trouble and Care of carrying what hath been ordered to be done by this Government in the several Expeditions, into Execution. Altho' this Committee have so diligently and prudently conducted the charge committed to them, that no Complaint hath ever come against them from any Officer or Soldier concerned, or from any of the neighboring Governments, with whom we were confederated, or from any of His Majesty's Officers, by whom the Forces were commanded, yet I need not name the many ungenerous and sly Insinuations, which have been handed about to their Disadvantage, for every Freeman in the Colony knows them. Unable to fix on any other Fact that might serve their Turn, they single out that false one, of their being extravagantly paid for their Services, and scruple not to say, that they have gotten great Estates at their Country's Expence. This brings me to what I defy any of those busy Gentle-

men to contradict, and that is, that the Committee of War, or any one of them, have never charged any Thing for their Services, nor have ever received one Farthing from the Colony on that Account, but always were, and still are willing, whenever their Accounts are closed, to submit it to the General Assembly what Allowance they ought to have for their Trouble. Whether this be sufficient to justify all that Clamour which hath been raised, and industriously spread against the Committee of War, let all impartial Men judge.

To dwell no longer on Things that concern those who have been traduced, only because they were my Friends, I shall return to the Matters which more immediately concern myself, and shall pass over many that have been propagated with great Zeal for a Time, but lost all their Malignity as soon as they were understood. The raising of the Four Hundred Men in the Month of *October* last, is a Matter for which I am very much blamed; but I hope when the Circumstances attending that Affair, are known, it will be found to be without any just Cause. To put this Matter in as clear a Light as I am able, I shall begin with a Letter from the Right Honorable the Earl of Loudoun, which is in the following words:

Albany, 20th August, 1756.

'Sir,

'As by Accounts I received last Night, His Majesty's Fort and Garrison at Oswego, together with the Naval Armament and Stores, have by a Series of bad Circumstances, fallen into the hands of the French; and as from the Condition and Number of the Troops left to me when I came to my Command, I can scarce hope to do more than to resist the French Power in that Quarter, I must earnestly recommend to you, to consider without Delay, how far the Provincials, now in Arms, are exposed to the Weight of the French in the Parts towards Crown Point, and the dangerous Events of any Accident happening to them in Consequence of these Circumstances, and what Forces you can send immediately to reinforce them, as it seems absolutely necessary to do, for the Security and Safety of the Country.

'THEREFORE, in Consequence of the Powers given to me by His Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal, and of His Orders signified to you by His Secretary of State, I do demand of you an Aid of as considerable a Body of Men, with Arms, as you can send, to be raised, in Companies, and sent off as fast as raised and also a Number of Carriages, or Ox Teams, wherewith I may be able to transport Provisions, as this Province alone is not able to supply all.

'I am with great Truth and Regard,

'Sir, Your Most Obedient,

'Humble Servant,

'LOUDOUN.'

'To the Hon. —— HOPKINS, Esq.'

THIS Letter was laid before the General Assembly, at their Meeting on the last Monday in *August*, and the Raising of Men in Consequence of it, recommended to them in as strong Terms as I was able. After several Negatives in the lower House, a Vote was obtained for raising sixty Men on this extraordinary Occasion,

but no sufficient Provision made for the Expense of raising and fitting them away; so that this Matter rested, without any Thing being effected until the eighth Day of October following, when I received another Letter from the Earl of LOUDOUN in the following Words:

'ALBANY, September 30th, 1756.

'Sir,

'As I have received no Answer from you about the Aid I demanded, and as by the Information I receive from Mr. Winslow, the Enemy are moving towards us, with not only all their regular Forces, but all the Men they can collect in Canada, capable of bearing Arms—I must repeat my Demand, and acquaint you, that the utmost Dispatch and Expedition is necessary in whatever you intend to do.

'I am with great Truth and Regard,

'Sir, Your Most Ob^t. Humb. Serv^t.

'LOUDOUN.'

'Governor HOPKINS.'

UPON receiving this Letter I called together as many Members of both Houses of Assembly as I could conveniently, at *Providence*, and asked them their Advice: some were for calling an Assembly and some not; but all advised me to send the Letter to the Deputy Governor at *Newport*, that he might take the like Advice there, by which they were willing to be determined. Accordingly it was sent to *Newport*, where all advised to call an Assembly, which was done accordingly. When they met, I laid the said Letter before them, but did not recommend the Raising any Men, as I had done before, as thinking the Season so far advanced, that there was little likelihood of their being useful. But tho' all Motions that had been made for raising Men at any Time before, had met great Opposition in the lower House, yet at this Time the Motion being made, and the Question put, every Member present voted for raising Four Hundred Men. This was afterwards agreed to by the upper House, and the men were raised, and then dismissed in a Manner known to every Man in the Colony. These were the Circumstances attending that Affair; and what Reason there hath been to charge me with bringing that heavy Expense on the Colony, I clearly leave to every honest Man to determin.

PERHAPS some may observe on this Occasion, that it appears by his Lordship's second Letter, that he had then received no Answer to the First; which had it been done, and he duly informed what the Colony had ordered in consequence of it, he would not have made the second demand, by which the Colony was so much burthened; and that it was my Duty to have given his Lordship this Intelligence. To this, I may say, had the General Assembly done any Thing, effectually to answer the Demand made in the first Letter, tho' it had not put the Colony to one half the Charge

it was afterwards at, I believe it would have prevented the second Demand, and the great Expence consequent upon it. Why then was not this done? Only because of the violent and very unreasonable Opposition of those very Gentlemen I have before referred to. Two Reasons there were, that I did not answer the first Letter in Question; the first was, because the Assembly, before whom it was laid, gave me no Order to answer it, but appointed a Committee for that Purpose, as I thought, and shall leave every other Man to think as he pleases, when he sees their Vote in the following Words.

'THIS Assembly do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That Peter Bours, Esq; George Brown, Esq; and Mr. Samuel Ward be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to draw up an Address to his Excellency the Earl of LOUDON, and present the same unto this Assembly.'

WHETHER this Reason be sufficient to excuse me or not, the other I am about to mention, will certainly be thought so by all reasonable Men. Before I left the Assembly last mentioned, I was taken sick, got Home with some Difficulty, and was confined to my Bed, wholly unable either to write or dictate a Letter from that Time until I received his Lordship's second Letter: This every One knows to be true, who were kind enough to visit me during this Interval.

Many other Parts of my Administration have, at different Times, and by different Persons, been spoken of to my Disadvantage; but as they have been careful not to reduce their Complaints to any Certainty, least that should give me an Opportunity to examine, and shew their Falsity, I shall pass them over in Silence, only asking the Favor of every Freeman in the Colony, when Things of this Kind are told him, carefully to examin the Truth of them, and judge for himself, and not condemn me unheard, on the bare Assertions of my professed Enemies. Every thinking Person, I hope, will also consider, that the Administration hath fallen into my Hands, in Times of far greater Trouble and Difficulty, than hath been known to any former Governors, there having been more Men raised, and sent abroad, within the two years past, than had ever been before, since the Colony was first settled. This hath occasioned a vast Deal more Business than usual, and many Things to be necessary, which were wholly unknown to any Officers, who have before filled the same Posts, and hath given Room to many to blame the Measures taken, only because they were new, or not well understood; and from this alone, arise many of the Complaints spread through the Country. Another Thing of far greater Consequence to the People in general, hath attended the Raising and Paying so many Men, and

that is, the heavy Charge it hath brought upon them. The Truth of this Fact depends not on Report or Hearsay, but is too sensibly felt by every Man for himself. All I have to say on this Subject, is only to desire every One to consider, whether any Part of this Expense was brought upon them unnecessarily; if it be, they have just Cause to complain, and get Relief: On the other Hand, if it hath been what the Necessity of the public (sic) Affairs hath brought upon us, and what no Administration, who acted uprightly, and for the public Good, could have avoided, let not those who have been compelled by their Duty to go through the ungrateful Task, be blamed. Neither so long as our Country continues the Seat of War, let any deceive them- themselves, (sic) by thinking we may do our Duty, and defend ourselves, without unusual Expences: As it is a Calamity divine Providence hath suffered to come upon us, we must patiently go through it in the best Manner we can. No Removal of Officers, who diligently and faithfully do their Duty in these troublesome Times, will remove the Causes of our Calamities, but rather increase them. No Set of Officers, that can be introduced in their Stead, let their Pretensions be what they will, can carry on the Operations of War, necessary for the Defence of the Country, without Expences. No civil Broils, Dissentions, and Disputes among ourselves, will make us more, but much less able to withstand, a common Enemy; nor have those any Right to be accounted Friends to their Country, but the contrary, who industriously, in these Times of general Calamity, stir up Strife and Contention at Home, endeavoring by all Methods in their Power, to make the People uneasy, too prone to be so of themselves, from the Burthens they must necessarily bear; who take Advantage of every Action, capable of being set in a wrong Light, and represent it to the People as some deep and dangerous Design, formed for their Ruin; and to gratify their most unseasonable Party Spirit, charge the Administration with Things they never did, and Blunders they are not guilty of; and by such Means greatly weaken and perplex the Government itself.

SUCH Practices, it seems, have prevailed on a Gentleman, many years distinguished with remarkable Favors from his Country, until satisfied with Honors, and worn in the public Service, he publicly and voluntarily quitted it, desiring his Constituents to provide themselves with another in his Stead, for that his Abilities would no longer permit him to serve them in that laborious Station; however, he has now thought fit to join in the common Cry, and suffer himself to be made Use of to throw his distressed Country into the utmost Confusion.

I CONCLUDE with sincere and hearty Thanks to my Countrymen for the many Marks of their Favor shewn me, and hope I may

say with Modesty, I have done Nothing in their Service, but what the Duty of my Place required, nor have left any Thing undone, that their Interest required, and my Ability enabled me to perform; and that the Affairs of the Colony have lost no Credit, under my Administration of them, either at Home or Abroad; assuring all, that it is not the Pleasure or Profit that attends the important Office I at present sustain, but my Duty to God and my COUNTRY, that prevents my deserting my Post at this Time, when Difficulties of almost every Kind from Abroad and at Home, involve an unhappy People.

PROVIDENCE, March 31, 1757.

STEP. HOPKINS.

(*Mr. Ward's reply in next number.*)

REBEL TREATMENT OF TORIES DURING THE REVOLUTION.

No. IV.—VARIOUS CASES.

[*From the Sheriff Brown Papers.*]

Deserted from Company at Windham, at Mr. Abner Flints on Saturday this 12th day of March, A. D. 1775, a man that was in Company there the evening before that cut up a caper and was noted for a damn cuss. Had on when went away a pieburnt wig, an old hat, a cloth colored surtout, half worn; cloth colored coat, velvet jacket and breeches, a pair of boots patched on the toe. A good deal apt to drink brandy. Whoever will take him up shall have a glass of brandy paid him by said company that he deserted from.

GEORGE DURRANCE.

In General Assembly, May Session, A. D. 1777.

WHEREAS Holmes Wightman, Frederic Wightman, and George Wightman, sons of George Wightman; now in the service of the enemy and suspected of being unfriendly to the United States, it is therefore resolved that the Sheriff for the County of Kings County fourthwith apprehend them and confine them in the jail in the County of Kent to the end that they may be examined before this Assembly, or the Council of War in the recess thereof, and all Military Officers and others are hereby required to aid and assist the said Sheriff in the Execution of this Resolve.

A True Copy duly Compared.

Witness.

DANIEL RODMAN, Sec'y, *Pro Tem.*

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND } IN COUNCIL OF WAR,
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS. } April 6th, 1778.

This Council having before them William Cory and Nicholas Spink agreeable to an order issued for that purpose do Resolve that they be allowed fourteen days from the Date hereof to make disposition of their Estates, and remove with their Families and Effects at a Distance of not less than Twelve Miles from the Shore, and in Case they do not remove within said Time, the Sheriff of Kings County, or his Deputy be, and they are hereby required to remove them within Six Days after the Time allowed them to remove themselves, and if after their Removal, they, or either of them shall be found within Twelve Miles of the shore without Licence obtained for that Purpose of the General Assembly, or in the Recess thereof from this Council, the said Sheriff, or his Deputy are hereby authorized and required to take them into Custody and commit them to Goal in the County where they may be found.

A True Copy.

Witness :

WILLIAM MUMFORD, C'lk.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND } IN COUNCIL OF WAR,
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS. } April 27th, 1778.

Whereas James Austin late of North Kingstown in County of Kings County hath deserted his Country, and gone over to the Enemy on Rhode Island. It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff for the County of Kings County or his Deputy be and they or either of them are hereby directed and fully empowered to take into their Custody all the Estate of the said James Austin both Real and Personal of What Nature or Kind soever, or wheresoever the same may be found within the said County, and that they make Return of their Proceedings to the General Assembly, or in the Recess thereof to this Council as soon as may be that such further Order may be taken thereon, as to them shall seem expedient.

A True copy duly examined.

Witness :

WILLIAM MUMFORD, C'lk.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, &c.
To the Sheriff of the County of Kings County, or to his Deputy :
Greeting.

Whereas the Committee appointed by the General Assembly to make enquiry into the conduct of any persons resident on, or near the shores of this state supposed of being inimical to the United States and of giving intelligence to the enemy have had Stephen Hazard, Christopher Robinson, and Sylvester Robinson, persons who are suspected of being inimical to the United States. And whereas the Committee have considered that it will be attended

with dangerous consequences to the public safety to permit said Stephen Hazard, and his son Stephen; and Christopher Robinson, and said Sylvester Robinson and family to reside near the shores of this State and have ordered said Stephen Hazard, and his son Stephen to be removed to the Town of Cumberland, and said Christopher Robinson to be removed to the Town of Scituate, and said Sylvester Robinson and his family to the Town of Gloucester, all in said State. To remain within the limits of the respective Towns upon their peril during the pleasure of the General Assembly.

You are therefore hereby commanded within twelve days from the date hereof to take and remove the said Stephen Hazard, and his son Stephen, Christopher Robinson, and Sylvester Robinson and family, to the several Towns above named respectively severally to remain in said Towns as Ordered and not to go without the limits of the same on their peril, but there to remain during the pleasure of the General Assembly.

Hereof fail not, and for your so doing this shall be your Sufficient Warrant.

Given under Our Hand this Eighteenth day of August, A. D. 1779, and Fourth year of Independence.

OTHNIEL GORTON,
THOS. RUMRILL,
CHRISTOPHER GREENE,
MATTHEW MANCHESTER,
PETER PHILLIPS, } Committee.

SEPTEMBER y^e 2d, 1779,

In obedience to this Warrant I have removed the within named Stephen Hazard and his son Stephen from the Town of South Kingstown to the Town of Cumberland according to order.

B. BROWN, Sher.

SEPTEMBER y^e 5th, 1779.

In obedience to this Warrant I have removed the within named Christopher Robinson from the Town of South Kingstown to the Town of Scituate according to Order.

B. BROWN, Sher.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, &c.

The Governor and Company of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations:

To the Sheriff of the County of Kings County or to his Deputy—
Greeting.

WHEREAS the Committee appointed by the Hon'ble General Assembly to make enquiry into the Conduct of Persons resident on, or near the Shore of this State suspected of living inimical to the United States, and of giving intelligence to the Enemy have

enquired into the conduct of Sarah the wife of William Carey late of North Kingstown, wch said William was by order of the Council of War removed from North Kingstown aforesaid into the Town of West Greenwich as a Person dangerous to the safety of the People to reside near the Shores and Pond, and that the said Sarah frequently removes from West Greenwich to the Shores of North Kingstown & behaves herself in such a manner that it is necessary for the Public Safety that the said Sarah together with the rest of the Family of the said William Carey to be removed into the said Town of West Greenwich & there to remain during the Pleasure of the General Assembly, and not depart from out of the Limits of sd Town of West Greenwich upon their Perils.

And also the said Committee have enquired into the conduct of Anne Hambleton wife of Benedict Hambleton, late of North Kingstown who has joined the Enemy and find that it is dangerous to the Public Safety for the said Anne to reside in North Kingstown near the Shores, and that she ought forthwith to be removed from said town of North Kingstown unto the Town of East Greenwich. That she do not depart out of said Town of East Greenwich, nor go above one quarter of a mile East of John Briggs upon the Peril of being confined in close Jail.

You are therefore commanded to take the Bodies of the said Sarah Carey & her family of three and remove into the Town of West Greenwich & there confine them to the Limits of s'd Town not to depart therefrom without the consent of the General Assembly aforesaid upon their Peril.

And also to take the Bodies of said Anne Hambleton & her two Daughters and the rest of her family, and them remove into the said Town of East Greenwich, and there confine them to the Limits of the upper part of said Town of East Greenwich, and not to go above one quarter of a Mile Eastward of the House of John Briggs in said East Greenwich upon their Peril.

HEREOF fail not, and for your so doing, this shall be your sufficient WARRANT.

Given under Our Hands, this twenty-ninth Day of June A. D. 1779 & in the third year of Independence.

OTHNIEL GORTON,
CHRISTOPHER GREENE,
MATT MANCHESTER, } Committee.

The name *Carey* could be read *Casey* as far as the original is for plainness.—(EDITOR.)

In General Assembly March Sessions A. D. 1781:

It was Resolved that the Sheriff for the County of Kings County convey out of the State Joshua Randall formerly of the

State of Connecticut, but who has for some time resided on the farm of Col. John Gardiner, and hath been detected in harboring and concealing persons from Long Island with their goods brought from thence for sale in the United States within twenty days after he shall be discharged from his Recognizance by the Superior Court, and if after being so removed he shall again come into the State, The Sheriff of either of the Counties within this State are directed to apprehend him, and commit into close confinement in either of the jails in this State there to remain until the further order of the General Assembly.

Witness : F. PERRY, Sec'y, *Pro Tem.*

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HISTORY OF THE WHITEMAN OR WIGHTMAN FAMILY.

FURNISHED BY JAMES PIERCE ROOT, OF PROVIDENCE, R. I.

EDWARD WIGHTMAN, of Burton-upon-Trent, who had the distinction of being the last martyr by fire condemned for heresy on English soil, was convicted Dec. 14, 1611, before the Bishop of Litchfield and Coventry, and, being delivered to the secular power, was burned at Litchfield, April 11th, 1612. He was the last who suffered death in this way, though others have since died from the severity of persecutions in prisons, etc.* Benj. Brook, in his "Lives of the Puritans," (vol. i., p. 66,) gives an account of the charges brought against him—eleven distinct heresies, among which are "those of the Ebionites, Cerinthians, Arians and Anabaptists, and other heretical and unheard-of opinions." "If," says Crosby, "Wightman really held all the opinions laid to his charge, he must have been either an idiot or a madman, and ought to have had the prayers of his persecutors rather than have been put to a cruel death." Another besides Wightman had suffered death by fire in the previous month, and both met their fate with heroic endurance and constancy. Neal, in

* See Iviney's History of the English Baptists, p. 123; and Sprague's Annals of the American Baptist Pulpit.

his "History of the Puritans," says that "there was another condemned to the fire for the same heresies [as Wightman], but the constancy of the above-mentioned sufferers moving pity in the spectators, it was thought better to suffer him to linger in Newgate than to awaken too far the compassion of the people. It seems to be a well-authenticated tradition in various branches of the Wightman family of Rhode Island that the first settlers of this name in the State were descended from this Edward Wightman. Rev. David Benedict, who gives, in his "History of the Baptists," several sketches of the various ministers of this name sprung from the Rhode Island stock, mentions this family tradition. It is also spoken of in a "History of the Baptists in R. I.," (published in R. I. Hist. Collections, vol. vi., p. 338,) this narrative being prepared in the last century.

George and Valentine Wightman might have been grandsons or great-grandsons of this Edward Wightman.

FIRST GENERATION—EARLIEST SETTLERS IN RHODE ISLAND.

1. A DANIEL WIGHTMAN is believed to have settled in Newport, and it is thought that he was one of the twenty-one persons who broke off from the First Baptist Church in that place, and established the Second in 1656. There is no record of his descendants. He is believed to have been a brother of George Wightman of Kings Towne and Valentine Whitman of Providence, the same names being variously spelled by different town clerks — Weightman, Wightman, Whiteman, and Whitman.

Morgan Edwards gives the names of the supposed seceders of 1656 to the number of twenty-one, but there were in reality only a few persons who went off, and the names he gives were those of the parties to a deed received from John Clark, Jan. 23, 1707, which Edwards copied in their exact order, evidently by mistake. These names were of the church mem-

bers of a date about fifty years after the secession took place, and include that of Daniel Wightman then pastor of the church. There is no evidence of any other Daniel of an earlier period.

2. VALENTINE WIGHTMAN (generally spelled on Providence records Whitman) settled first in Warwick, where he was made a freeman, 18th May, 1658, but afterwards removed to Providence and represented that town in the General Court in 1675. His wife was Mary —, her maiden name not being known. He died January 26th, 1701. She died May 31st, 1718. His will of Jany. 13, 1700, mentions all his children. *x*

3. GEORGE WIGHTMAN, (generally spelled Weightman in early Kings Towne records), the other brother, was born in 1632. He came from England and settled in Narragansett, (now North Kingstown) R. I. He was made freeman of that town, May 6, 1673, but had been in the country at least ten years before. He was for several years a member of the town council of Kings Towne. He was also a valuable member of the Baptist Church, and probably a Deacon, as in his will he left "twenty shillings to buy wine for the congregation to celebrate [the Lord's] Supper." The name of his wife does not appear in his Bible record or in his will, which last was made near the time of his death, the last of January, 1722. From a record in the old family Bible which he bequeathed to his grandson George (son of Daniel, of Newport,) it appears that he was 83 years old in 1715, and was therefore born in 1632, fourth month (June.) This Bible is still in existence, though in a dilapidated condition. *Mary Updike*

Children of Valentine and Mary Whitman :

4. i. MARY, b. Nov. 16, 1652; m. John Inman.
5. ii. ELIZABETH, b. July 3, 1655. She was unmarried, being spoken of in her father's will as "weakly of body." She died Nov. 19, 1727, in her will giving her whole property to her sister Hannah Whitman and Esther Steere.

x F. M. Ballou says he was Justice of the peace or an Indian interpreter.

Geo. Wightman m. Elizabeth Updike b. 1684, daug. of Gilbert & Katherine (Smith) Updike.

6. iii. **SUSANNAH**, b. Feb. 28, 1657-8; m. James Ballou, son of Maturin and Hannah (Pike) Ballou.
7. iv. **DEBORAH**, b. —; m. Joseph Smith.
8. v. **ALICE**.
9. vi. **HANNAH**, unmarried.
10. vii. **ESTHER**, m. John Steere, son of John and Hannah (Wickenden) Steere.
11. viii. **GRACE**.
12. ix. **VALENTINE** (Capt.), b. Aug. 25, 1668; m. Dec. 12, 1694, Sarah Bartlett.

Children of George Wightman, Senior, (from the town record, family Bible and his will):

13. i. **ELIZABETH**, b. Jan. 26, 16— (probably 1664); m. Alexander Huling.
14. ii. **AYLE** (or **ALICE**), b. Dec. 9, 16— (about 1666); m. — Wright,
15. iii. **DANIEL**, b. Jan. 2, 1668. Pastor of Second Baptist Church, Newport.
16. iv. **SARAH**, b. Feb. 24, 1671; m. (prob.) (1) Apr., 1697, Wm. Collins, (2) — Peterson.
17. v. **GEORGE**, b. Jan. 8, 1673; m. Elizabeth —, and removed to Warwick.
18. vi. **JOHN**, b. Apr. 16, 1674; m. May 23, 1705, Jane Bently (perhaps second wife.)
19. vii. **SAMUEL**, b. Jan. 9, 167—; prob. m. Sarah Briggs.
20. viii. **VALENTINE** (Rev.), b. Apr. 16, 1681; m. Feb. 1703, Susannah Holmes. *1703*

The will of George Wightman, Senior, was among the mass of town records partially destroyed by fire, but from the fragments remaining a full list of the children may be made out and some of the bequests. To his son Valentine he gives all the land he bought of Joseph Dol[liver], to his son Daniel part of the land upon Great Plain, to his son George "the farm on which said George now dwells with houses," etc., entailing it upon his posterity; to his son John the 300 acres where he [now dwells] with the house, etc.; to his son Samuel [] pounds in money. His three daughters, Elizabeth Huling, Aylie Wright and Sarah Peterson, were all remembered. To his grandson George, son of Daniel, he bequeathed £10 in money, his gun, and all his wearing clothes, [] linen, his

chest which he brought from England, and his great Bible ; to the two children of his son Daniel, viz., Daniel and [George] Wightman, fifty shillings a year. His "Desire is that all my deare Children named to be contented for what I have given [and to] take all things according to the True [intent] and meaning herein and my desire is [that] all would Indeavour to Live in the [fear] of God and to live in peace among your [selves] the God of peace will be with you." His two sons Daniel and Valentine Wightman were appointed executors to this will. A codicil bequeathed further property to his son Daniel, and the will was proved 12th day of —, 1722. He left a considerable property.

12. CAPT. VALENTINE WHITMAN, son of Valentine², b. Aug. 25, 1668 ; m. Dec. 12, 1694, Sarah Bartlett. He lived in the part of the town afterwards included in Smithfield, R. I. At his house the first meeting to organize a separate town (that of Smithfield) was held, Mar. 17, 1730. He died at Smithfield, Aug. 26, 1750, aged 82. Children :

21. i. SARAH, b. Jan. 26, 1696 ; m. Feb. 19, 1716, Joseph Williams, *son of Daniel*.
22. ii. JOHN, b. Feb. 20, 1698 ; m. April 16, 1720, Sarah Sprague.
23. iii. HENRY, b. Jan. 16, 1700.
24. iv. ABRAHAM, b. Jan. 4, 1708 ; m. June 17, 1728, Joseph Browne.
25. v. ROBERT, b. May 2, 1712.
26. vi. BENJAMIN, b. July 22, 1715.
27. vii. NOAH, b. Dec. 31, 1717, and probably
28. viii. THOMAS, who m. Mary Lyon, 1746.
29. ix. EBENEZER, who m. Dec. 11, 1760, Rebekah Paine.

15. REV. DANIEL WIGHTMAN, son of George, Sen.,³ of Kingstown, born Jan. 2, 1668. He was pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Newport, Rhode Island. He was ordained in 1701, as colleague of Rev. James Clark, the 4th pastor of the church. He became the 5th pastor in the succession of the ministry, after the death of Mr Clark (Dec. 1, 1736.) Benedict and Backus, in their respective histories of

the Baptist denomination, speak of him as a man of excellent character. His colleague and successor was Nicholas Eyres. Mr Wightman continued in office 1701-1750. By the scanty records that have been saved from the destruction that fell upon most of the Newport archives in the Revolutionary War, and on examination of tombstones, etc., we find that he married three times: (1) Catherine, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Borden) Holmes, who was born 1671, and died Sept. 8, 1699, aged 28; (2) Mary —, who was born 1669 and died Nov. 4, 1732, aged 63; Katherine, widow of Joseph Gardiner, born 1673, whose husband died in 1736. She was daughter of John Holmes (son of Rev. Obadiah), and died Oct. 28, 1758, aged 85. Rev. D. Wightman died Aug. 31, 1750. The following inscription is upon his tombstone:

In Memory of the Reverend
MR DANIEL WIGHTMAN
Pastor of the Baptist Church in
Newport, holding the six principals
as it is written in Hebrews the sixth,
for almost fifty years, who departed
this life August 31st Anno, 1750,
in the Eighty Second year of his age.

Children of Rev. Daniel Wightman :

30. GEORGE, b. about 1703; m. Mary Clark.
31. ELIZABETH, b. about 1705; m. Jan. 16, 1723, Stephen Hookey, Jr.
32. DANIEL, b. 1707; d. Oct. 12, 1728, aged 21.

17. GEORGE WIGHTMAN, son of George, Sen.,³ of Kingstown, b. Jan. 8, 1673, in Kingstown, R. I., m. (1) Elizabeth —. He lived first in Kingstown. On the South Kingstown records we find a deed from Geo. Wightman, Jr., and his wife Elizabeth, Feb. 10, 1712, of a tract of land called Boston Neck, some 27½ acres, to Wm. Gardiner of Kingstown for £103. [South Kingstown records, vol. 2, p. 185.] In Dec., 1712, he sold 150 acres to George Hassard for £350. Like most of the men of means in his day, he bought property

in various localities. Dec. 22nd, 1719, he bought 150 acres within the jurisdiction of East Greenwich. He was living in Kingstown as late as 1722, where his father died, leaving his son George the farm, upon which the latter then dwelt, and entailing the property in his line. He may have secured an act of legislature to dispose of this property, at any rate he removed to Warwick soon after the death of his first wife, and there married (2) Aug. 13, 1738, Sarah Ladd, of Providence. He died Jan. 1761. In his will of Sept. 1, 1759, and codicil March 1, 1760, he mentions his wife Sarah, his children (as in the list given below) and the three sons of his son George, viz: Reuben, Stephen and David, also the four sons of his son Samuel, dec'd, viz: Samuel, Benjamin, George and Asa, and his son's widow, Margaret. Children:

33. **GEORGE.**
34. **JOHN**, b. about 1701; m. June 14, 1722, Phebe Havens, dau. of Thomas.
35. **SAMUEL**, m. Nov. 11, 1724, Margaret Gorton.
36. **ELIZABETH**, m. —— Havens.
37. **PHEBE**, m. Nov. 10, 1724, Jonathan Weaver.
38. **DEBORAH**, m. May 27, 1713, Malachi Rhodes.³

18. **JOHN WIGHTMAN**, son of George, Sen.,³ b. April 16, 1674. He married, Jan. 6, 1700, Jane Bentley, dau. William. He lived on the "Great Plain," says J. W. Gardiner, in what is now Exeter, and his wife and himself are there buried on a farm since owned by the descendants of Ezekiel and Zebulon Gardner, and lately owned by John T. Gardiner, about a mile northwest of Slocumville. George Wightman (doubtless father of John) purchased this land of Samuel Wilbur or heirs, it being a part of lot No. 5 of a Pettaquamscutt division, which extended from the headline of the purchase, or Queen's river, on the west, to the "Wolf Hill" on the east. He died in 1754. His will was made Dec. 3, 1746, and approved May 8, 1754. His wife survived him:

39. **ALICE**, b. Oct. 16, 1702; m. June 8, 1722, Job Harrington.

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- 40. SARAH, b. Jan. 23, [1704]; m. —, 1723, Joseph Whitford.
- 41. JOHN, b. —; prob. m. June 4, 1729, — —, of Newport.
- 42. JAMES, b. Feb. 17, —; m. Sept. 5, 1734, Bridget Sweet, dau. of Samuel.
- 43. JANE, b. — 20, —; m. Benjamin Spink.
- 44. VALENTINE, mentioned in will.
- 45. MARY, m. Samuel Boone, Jr.
- 46. DEBORAH, m. —, 1739, John Renolds.

The other dates in this record were burned off. In his will John Wightman also speaks of his granddaughter Lydia, wife of Abraham Wilcox.

19. SAMUEL WIGHTMAN, son of George, Sen.,³ b. Jan. 9, 167—; prob. m. Dec. 9, 1708, Sarah Briggs. He *may* have had children as follows, but the Kingstown records are uncertain as to whom these children belong :

- 47. GEORGE.
- 48. TITUS.
- 49. MARY.

20. REV. VALENTINE WIGHTMAN, son of George, Sen.,³ b. Apr. 16, 1681, in North Kingstown, R. I. He m. Feb. 10, 1708, Susannah Holmes. In 1705, at the invitation of an association of individuals calling themselves "Dissenters," he moved to Groton, Conn., and the same year organized the first Baptist Church in that State. The Fort Hill Church upon the other side of the river was organized about 1720, when Philip Tabor and Samuel Westcott removed from North Kingstown, R. I., and settled in that neighborhood. That church invited Valentine Wightman to preach in that vicinity. Wm. Stark, at whose house the Dissenters held their meeting, presented to Mr. Wightman, on his removal to Groton, a house and twenty acres of land. For sketch of Rev. V. Wightman's life, see Benedict's and Backus' Histories, Mrs. Calkins' History of New London (which place before 1705 included in its boundaries, Groton), Knight's History of the

Six-Principle Baptists, Hollister's History of Connecticut, &c.
He died in 1747. Children of Rev. Valentine Wightman, of Groton :

50. MARY, m. J. Rathbone. Her sons Valentine and John were Baptist ministers.
51. ELIZABETH.
52. DANIEL.
53. VALENTINE.
54. ABRAHAM.
55. TIMOTHY (Rev.), m. (1) Jane Fish, (2) Mary Stoddard.
56. SARAH.
57. JOHN (Rev.), m. Mary Stoddard.
58. SUSANNA.

22. JOHN WHITMAN, son of Capt. Valentine,¹² b. Feb. 20, 1698; m. Apr. 18, 1720, Sarah Sprague. He was a resident of Providence. Children :

55. VALENTINE, b. Mar. 11, 1722.
56. JOHN, b. Oct. 6, 1723.
57. FREELOVE, b. Sept. 3, 1725.
58. SARAH, b. June 22, 1727.
59. ABIGAIL, b. Nov. 24, 1728.

A John Whitman, of Providence, died Sept. 16, 1730, leaving wife Phebe and several children.

ARREST OF THOMAS W. DORR.—We learn from the Providence *Journal* that Mr. Dorr made his appearance in that city on Tuesday afternoon and stopped at the City Hotel, but Mr. Earle, the proprietor, not having any spare accommodations for His *Excellency*, he stepped across the street into the house of Mr. Simons, the editor of the *Herald*. The Sheriff of the County being absent at Kingston, Mr. Jabez J. Potter, his Deputy, made service of the *capias*, and Mr. Dorr is now lodged for safe keeping in jail until he can be transported to Newport for trial, the indictment having been found against him in the County of Newport.—*Bristol Phenix, November 4, 1843.*

**GLEANINGS FROM THE ANCIENT RECORDS
OF BRISTOL, R. I.**

CONTRIBUTED BY COL. CHAS. A. GREENE, OF THE BRISTOL PHENIX.

No. 4.

March 24th, 1712—"Voted, the Selectmen chosen should be Assessors, which were Col. Nath'l Paine, Capt. Samu'l Gallop & Mr. Jos. Torrey.

Voted, That Capt. Sam'l Gallop, Mr. Charles Church, Sam'l Royal, & David Cary be a committee, and they are hereby chosen and impowered, upon a thorough search and examination had into the circumstances and defects of the Terret or Bellfary on the Meeting House, either to take it down, or to let it stand, if it may be with safety of the Roof, and furthermore do that which in their Judgement shall be needful for the makeing of the Roof of the Meeting House tight and to give in their account to the Town, in order to satisfaction.

Voted, that the late Committee for the seating the Meeting house, &c. be dismist from that trust, and that hereby they are dismist accordingly.

Voted, that the order about Foxes and Black Birds be continued this year.

Voted, that Mr. Robert Jolls be hereby requested and appointed by the Town to make, hang and maintain, at the head of the neck in the line betwixt Bristol and Swansey accross the Road by said Jolls his house a good and sufficient Gate, with other Fence sufficient to stop all creatures from going out or coming in at pleasure; and to bring in his account to the Town for satisfaction."

March 16th, 1713—"Voted, that if any person shall suffer his Swine of any sort to run at large upon the Common, Streets, or Highways within the Town of Bristol, on the Lord's day, or any part thereof, shall forfeit and pay for his offence therein, the sum of four shillings, to the use of the

Town, or otherwise as they shall appoint, being duly convicted thereof, before a Justice of the Peace."

July 13th, 1713—"It was Voted, that whoever should serve in the Town of Bristol as Schoolmaster shall keep the same hours for Schooling as other Schoolmasters in other Towns do.

Voted, that Mr. Fales be the Schoolmaster for the following year if he may be agreed with."

March 22d, 1714—"Col. Paine, Capt. Gallop, Mr. Josiah Torrey, Selectmen.

Voted, that Col. Byfield, Col. Paine, Capt. Davis, Capt Gallop, Deacon Cary be a Committee to endeavour the gaining of what is behind of Mr. Sparhawk's Salary."

"Bristol, June 25th, 1714. The received of the Committee chosen by the Town, to gather the arrearages of my Salary, the sum of eight pounds six shillings and eight pence, being in full of my Salary, from my first Settlement in Bristol, until October the seventh, One thousand seven hundred and thirtieth. I say received by me.

Jno. Sparhawk.

Entered July 2d, 1714. By John Cary Town Clerk.

November, the 29, 1714—"Voted, that there be a Man chosen to take care to keep the Boys in order on the Sabbath, and that further there be ten shillings allowed to be paid to the person who shall be chosen to serve from this time to next meeting in March, who accepted thereof.

Voted, that there be a Committee of three Men chosen and impowered to enquire what Pews have been erected and set up in the Meeting house since the former Committee were dismist, and to treat with the person who set them up, and to make Report unto the Town at their Meeting in March next, at which time s'd Committee be dismist."

At a Town Meeting held in March, 1716, it was "Voted, that every Family in this Town shall have liberty to put out one Cow on the Highways or unfenc't Lands, and he that hath four acres or more of Land unfenc't, to put out two Cows, and no more, and he that chuses to put out one Horse may do it, but then not to put out one Cow, and no Man to put out more than one Horse or two Cows on said Lands or Highways."

July 20th, 1716—"Warned and met for the giving direction to the Selectmen, concerning such who shall have licence to sell strong drink by Retail and otherwise in this town, and for letting out four Lots or Commonages belonging to ye School.

Col. Nath'l Byfield was chosen Moderator for the Meeting.

Voted, Every Innholder who shall be approbated by the Selectmen, shall upon their obtaining a Certificate, give in writing under their hands to s'd Selectmen, for the payment of three pounds in Money for the use of the Town, for the incouragement of a School, for this year.

Voted that every Retailer upon their being approbated, shall give under their hand to the Selectmen, for the payment of forty shillings for this year, for the use of the School as above expressed.

Voted, that whoever hath Licence for Court times only shall pay ten shillings, for the use above mentioned."

"At a Town Meeting warned and met on the thirtieth day of October, 1716, Col. Byfield was chosen Moderator."

"Whereas Mr. Nathaniel Jacobs did sometime past pull down a pane of Glass in the Meeting house, and board up the place, and the putting up s'd Glass, and putting the same into good repair, cost twenty shillings and two pence—Therefore was Voted that he s'd Jacobs should pay to the Town, ten shillings for the same.

Voted, that Mr. John Martin shall have eighteen shillings for the Gate at the head of the Neck near his house, and looking after the same these four years last, at three shillings per year, viz. six shillings for the Gate and twelve shillings for the looking after the same, till March next.

Voted, that Mr. Josiah Torrey shall have five shillings for transcribing a list of the polls, and Real, and personal Estates of this Town."

March 22d, 1717—"Voted, that the Pew on the East side of the Meeting house and South side of the Pulpit, shall be pulled down.

Voted, that the Pew that was built by Nath'l Jacobs and Joseph Howland in a Corner as we go up the Women Stairs, be also pulled down. And that the persons who built the said two Pews, shall have liberty to take them down in a months time; which if they do not then the Committee for looking after the Meeting house are to do it, or cause it to be done, and the charge thereof to be paid out of the stuff of the same."

July 16th, 1717—"It was Voted, that a suitable sum of money should be raised by Subscription for paying a man that shall be helpful in carrying on the Public Worship for three months in this Town.

Voted, that whosoever shall be approbated to Retail Strong Drink in this Town for this year, shall become obliged to pay, the sum of forty shillings each person, for the use of the Town as afores'd."

"Voted, That if any person whatsoever, shall for the future, Ride a Gallop in or through the Main street, called Hope street, in this Town, between the two bridges, and thereof be convicted before a Justice of the Peace, he shall pay the sum of five shillings."

SAFFIN'S RETRACTION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Whereas I (who have hereunto subscribed) am enjoined by an Award of Arbitration, dated the 7th of July, 1696, given under the hands and seals of the Hon. Wm. Stoughton Esq., Left. Gov'r and Isaac Adderton, Esq. and John Leveret M. A. and fellow of Harvard Colledge in N. E. to make a Retraction and Acknowledgment in writing under my hand of supposed ill-treatment wrong and injury offered to Maj'r John Walley and Capt. Byfield, two of the first purchasers of Mount Hope Neck, by sundry reflections in a manuscript, entitled, 'The Original of the Town of Bristol, or a true narrative of the first Settlement of the Town of Bristol on Mount Hope Neck, which was made in the behalf of the Inhabitants of the said Town, who for divers years have complained and groaned under the grievances therein mentioned.

Now in order thereunto I do hereby own and declare unto all mankind, that if breach of promise to a person or people in a matter of great concernment be no evil; If the chopping and changing of the Town Commons to the great prejudice of the

Town, obstructing and stopping, up several ways leading to men's Lands, and some of them that have been enjoyed above thirty years, without molestation or disturbance, be tolerable, and not a nuisance strictly forbidden and prohibited by the Law of our Nation—Then I am exceedingly to blame, in charging them with evil in so doing.

If the granting of Land upon a good consideration, and upon the same, promising to give a Deed for the confirmation thereof, but delaying, and after 8, or 9 years quiet possession by the grantee, those grantors give a Deed of Sale of the same Land to others. If this, I say be just and warrantable dealing—Then, &c.

If the taking up and dividing amongst themselves, and converting to their own private use in Farms and great pastures the most or a very considerable number of the 128 house lots and ten acre lots which were by the four first purchasers in their. Grand Articles under their hands and seals proposed, designed, and accordingly was laid out, and declared to be for the encouragement, use, benefit and accommodation of so many Familyes to build upon, and settle upon Mount Hope Neck (besides the Farms and bigger parcels of Land to make it a Town of Trade as they were enjoyed by the Court of Plymouth) I say if these actions of theirs be not prejudicial and injurious to the Inhabitants of the Town of Bristol, then I have done them wrong in saying or writing so.

If the wilfull suffering a certain water-mill (built for the Towns use) to fall and go to decay and utter Ruin for by ends and sinister respects, not repairing it themselves nor suffering others to do it who have also some right in it, be not a wrong and abuse to the Town; The said purchasers making it at first a great argument of Encouragement for men to come and buy Land of them in order to settle to a Town of Trade as aforesaid, which is at large set forth in their said Articles, and backt with many spurious pretences and verbal promises, never fulfilled—Now if these things be right and just, Then &c.

Again, If it be not an unrighteous thing in Maj'r Walley to take and receive ten pounds of the Town of Bristol, and also many days work of them, promising and engaging himself for the same to make a Bridge over a Certain Creek, in a way that should lead to the said Mill, but never performed it, nor returned the Money again, but instead thereof hath stopped the way as aforesaid; I say if such doings and actions be just and right then I have done them wrong in saying or writing to the contrary.

And further, If the making a Deed by three of the first purchasers for the dividing of sixteen of the remainder of the 128 house-lots and Ten Acre lots amongst four of them, pretending that Captain Nathan Hayman was then and therein acting with them as if he were alive and did act and do as they did in all respects (excepting subscribing his name, for which they left a blank

or space) giving under their hands and seals, that on the 27th day June, 1690, that the said Nathan Hayman did with them personally oblige himself, his heirs, &c. in the same manner as they did, three or four times mentioned in said Deed, when the Man was Dead, and in his Grave eleven months before. I say if these and such like strange actions and doings, before mentioned (all which they have either owned, or hath been proved to be done by them) be warrantable, legal, just and right, in the sight of God, or according to the Laws of our Nation—Then I do hereby own and humbly acknowledge that I have done the said Major John Walley and Capt. Nathaniel Byfield much wrong and injury, in Recording their said actions in my said narrative to be illegal, unjust and injurious to the Town of Bristol in general, and to myself in particular; For which I am sorry.

I confess, I might have spared some Poetical notions and satirical expressions which I have used by way of argument, inference or comparison, yet the sharpest of them are abundantly short of those villifying terms, and scurrilous language which they themselves have frequently given to each other, both in publick and private, generally known in Bristol.

But above all, I am heartily sorry, that it is my unhappiness to differ so much in my weak apprehensions from those Honourable Gentlemen, the Arbitrators, for whom I have always conceived and retained an honourable esteem and veneration, that I could even have put my life into their hands, the truth whereof may appear by this late submission of mine, otherwise I should not have exposed myself, as I have done.

JNO. SAFFIN.

This is a true copy compared with the original, which was delivered to Major Walley, and Capt. Nath'l Byfield on Friday, 24th of July, 1696. As Attests, JOHN GEORGE, BENJAM JACKSON.

This is a true Copy of Mr. Jno. Saffin's Retraction and Acknowledgment here entered the 18th of August, 1696. As attests,
S. CORBET, Town Clerk.

THE OLD CHAIR OF STATE.—The Newport *Herald* states that the identical chair in which Gov. B. Arnold sat one hundred and eighty years ago, and received and displayed the Charter of 1663, in presence of all the freemen of the Colony was introduced into the Senate Chamber on Tuesday and well and appropriately filled by our late Chief Magistrate, Governor S. W. King.—*Bristol Phenix, Saturday, May 6, 1843.*

**A List of the Names of the Inhabitants of Barbadoes
in the Year 1638, who then possessed
more than ten acres of land.**

CONTRIBUTED BY SAM. BRIGGS, ESQ., CLEVELAND, OHIO.

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Keere William,	Lech Mathew,
Kelly Cornelius,	Leggat John,
Kemp Daniel,	Le Jonch Francis, ni'r.
Key John,	Le Jonch ——, perhaps of
Kidd Thomas,	St. James Parish, 23d Feb.,
Kingswill Anthony,	1629-30. (?)
Kitterich <i>Capt.</i> , perhaps Wil-	Leich John,
liam, of Governor's Coun-	Leighton Richard,
cil, June, 1630. Ass't Jus't	Leonard Richard, member of
11th April, 1631. Shot for	council Dec., 1629, June,
the murder of Capt. William	1630.
Birch, 9th Sept. 1635.	Lester George,
Knott William.	Leverdale John,
	Lewis Charles,
Lacey Christopher,	Lewis John,
Lambert Richard,	Lewis Thomas,
Land Samuel,	Life ——,
Lane Thomas,	Loe Richard,
Langden Stanhope,	Longstaff Christo,
Langford Phillip,	Lord Henry, <i>Minst.</i>
Langley James,	Lucas Nicholas,
Lawrence John,	Luellin Thomas,
Lee Adam,	Luddal John,
Lee John,	Macey Anthony,
Lee Joseph,	Macey John,
Lee Richard,	Mackey Thomas,
Lee Robert,	Mackley Robert,
Lech Daniel,	

Maddock Thomas,	Moor Thomas,
Magarmen Daniel,	Morgan Francis,
Malpar George,	Morgan Robert,
Malpar Peter,	Morris David,
Manbridge Roger,	Morris Lewis,
Manton Clement,	Mortell Peter,
Manwareing John,	Moulthorpe Christo <i>Capt.</i> ,
Mapesden <i>Capt.</i> ,	Mulion Lewis,
Marbury Ant. <i>Capt.</i> , council,	Mullenar Richard,
Dec., 1629, June, 1630.	Mullens David,
Retired 11th Apr., 1631.	Mullens George,
Marshall Mark,	Mullens William,
Marshall Robert,	Musgrove Robert.
Marshall William,	
Marshart <i>Capt.</i> ,	Napleton <i>Lieut.</i> ,
Martin Henry,	Narton John,
Martin Richard,	Natris Cuthbert,
Martingale John,	Naylor Edward,
Mashlim John,	Neason <i>Capt.</i> ,
Mason William,	Needham Abraham,
Matthews Adrian,	Neear Francis,
May John,	Nelson John,
Mayeock Thomas,	Nightingale John,
Mayoh John,	Nir John.
Mead John,	
Mee George,	Odgar Gabriel,
Melbourne George,	Odiamē Thomas,
Mellow Nathaniel,	Ogle Cuthbert,
Middleton Christo,	Oistine Edward, assistant jus-
Middleton Tho. <i>Capt.</i> ,	tice, 11th April, 1631.
Millington George,	Oistine <i>Mr.</i> , perhaps of Christ
Mills Edward,	Church parish, Dec., 1629.
Mills Robert,	Okley Francis,
Mills Roger,	Orbale John,
Minst Thomas,	Osburne John, <i>Senior</i> ,
Montgomery Edm.,	Osburne Elias,

Oughram William,
 Outram William,
 Ouury Edward.

Pacey Launcelot,
 Page Francis,
 Page William,
 Pake John,
 Palfrey John,
 Palmer William,
 Parker Thomas,
 Parr Thomas,
 Parris Tho., *Esq.*,
 Parris Thomas *Mr.*, assistant
 justice, 11th April, 1631.

Parsons Milchard,
 Parsons Thomas,
 Patrick Leonard,
 Payton John,
 Peate Peter,
 Peateley *Capt.*,
 Peene *Mr.*,
 Peers Thomas, *Esq.*, council
 member Dec., 1629. *Capt.*
 and member of council
 June, 1630.

Peers Richard, *Deputy Governor*, 3d April, 1633. 1st
 Sept., 1635. President of
 council, July, 1636.

Peerson John,
 Peirce James,
 Peirson John,
 Pelling Phillip,
 Pemberton William,
 Pendred Robert,

Perkins William, perhaps mer-
 chant of London, 1628.

Pester Edward,
 Phillips —,
 Phillips William,
 Pickering Joseph,
 Pickfort Robert,
 Piggott Francis,
 Piggott George,
 Pilgrim Thomas,
 Pinchback Thomas,
 Pingle Thomas,
 Pinkell John,
 Plaisterel William,
 Plumpton John,
 Plunket Thomas,
 Pocock Thomas,
 Pollard William,
 Pollerton John,
 Porch Francis,
 Port Edward,
 Port Francis,
 Powell Daniel,
 Powell Hugh,
 Powell John, *Captain, Governor*,
 Powell John, *Capt.* Captain
 of the "William and John,"
 17th Feb., 1625. Either he
 or John, Jr., supported the
 claim of the Earl of Pem-
 broke against the authority
 of the Earl of Carlisle, but
 was defeated 14th Sept.,
 1628. Was entitled Gov-
 ernor at this period.

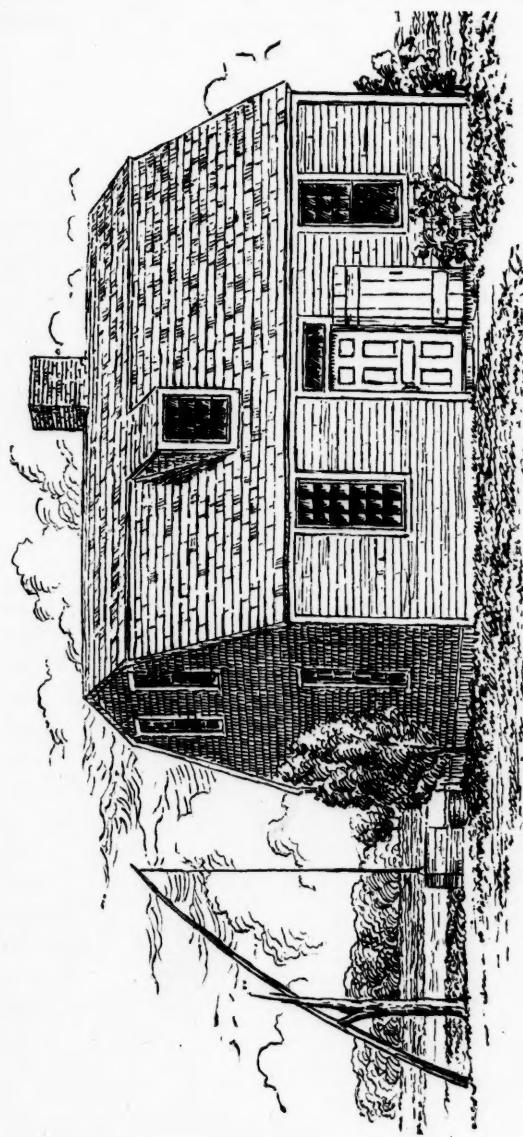
Powell William,	Robinson Richard, assistant justice, 11th April, 1631.
Pratt Gabriel,	Robinson Thomas,
Prescott John,	Robertson Richard,
Price Laurence,	Rock Cornelius,
Price <i>Mr.</i> ,	Rogers William,
Price Nathaniel,	Rope Robert,
Price Thomas,	Rousewell John,
Prior Michael,	Rowland David,
Prior <i>Mr.</i> ,	Ruffin Richard, perhaps of St. Peter's parish, Feb., 1630.
Punnett Roger.	
Rainsbury Francis,	Russell John,
Randall Richard,	Russell William,
Rash Peter,	Rycroft Henry,
Ratford Thomas,	Ryley Hugh,
Rawdon Marmad <i>Col.</i> ,	Ryley William <i>Capt.</i> council, June, 1630.
Read Francis,	Sackley Francis,
Reasons John,	Sallamanger —,
Redding Thomas,	Saltonstall <i>Mr.</i> , perhaps resident in 1631, mentioned in boundary.
Redwood John,	Saltonstall Thomas,
Reed Edmund <i>Col.</i> of council, 1630.	Sanders James,
Reene William,	Sanders John,
Reeve Robert,	Sandiford Thomas,
Reeve Thomas,	Sandiford William, assistant justice, 11th April, 1631.
Reid Job <i>Capt.</i> ,	Council, July, 1636.
Reid John Stuttering,	Saunderson Rowland,
Richardson Samuel,	Sansom Robert,
Rider Roger,	Saved <i>Mr.</i> ,
Rigbie Thomas,	Sawer Richard,
Riggs Sampson,	Seriven Silas,
Riley —,	
Risbey Peter,	
Reach James,	
Robinson Jasper,	

Scriven John,
 Seatle Tho. *Capt.*,
 Seereterie *Mr.*,
 Seeley William,
 Seemonds Dorothy,
 Serjeant John,
 Serzenan John,
 Sharp Robert,
 Sharpeless John,
 Shaw John,
 Shellborn John,
 Shelley Edward,
 Shepherd James,
 Shepherd John,
 Sherate David,
 Sheriffe David,
 Shipberry Richard,
 Singleton William,
 Sisam Henry,
 Sivinore John,
 Sivinore Richard,
 Smith Edward,
 Smith Francis,
 Smith John,
 Smith Stephen,
 Smith Valentine,
 Smith William,
 Smithie *Mr.*,
 Sober John,
 Sober Thomas,
 South Edward,
 Southerdon Henry,
 Southward Edward,
 Southwell Edward,
 Sparkes *Capt.*,
 Spright William,
 Spencer John,
 Spendlove John,
 Spike Paul,
 Spikeman William,
 Squib Thomas,
 Stullange Roger,
 Stanskin —,
 Stanhope Tho. *Capt.*
 Staples Job,
 Starkey George,
 Stephens Richard,
 Steventon Richard,
 Stiles William,
 Stirring George,
 Stokes John, assistant justice,
 11th April, 1631.
 Stone Vincent,
 Streetholdt Conrade,
 Stringer John,
 Studd Abraham,
 Sturdey —,
 Summers George,
 Swan John, *Captain and Surveyor.* Deputy and Lieutenant Governor, July, 1628.
 Swan William,
 Swerylegant Daniel,
 Swinhoe James,
 Swords Thomas,
 Symonds Nichols,
 Sympson Lancelot.
 Talbot *Capt.* Council, &c.,
 1629.
 Tawyer John,
 Taylor John,

Taylor Thomas,	Walford Thomas,
Terlaines <i>Mr.</i> ,	Walker George,
Terrill Charles,	Walker William,
Terrill George,	Wall Garrat,
Terrill Robert,	Wall Thomas,
Terrone <i>Mr.</i> ,	Wall William,
Thomas Howell,	Wallford John,
Thomas Peter,	Wallis <i>Mr.</i> ,
Thomas Thomas,	Wamsley <i>Mr.</i> ,
Thomas William,	Wanley Henry,
Thompson Adam,	Ward William,
Thompson Richard,	Ware Thomas,
Thompson Thomas, assistant justice, April, 1681.	Warren <i>Mr.</i> ,
Thorne Joseph,	Waters Humphrey,
Thorbarne John,	Watkins Richard,
Thwaytes —,	Watson George,
Towne Wigan,	Weaver Thomas,
Towne James,	Webb Henry,
Toxley James,	Webb Richard,
Tracey William,	Webb Robert,
Treney Thomas,	Webb Roger,
Treswell Robert,	Weekes John,
Trew Thomas,	Weston William,
Trotle William,	Wetherall Michael,
Trott Thomas,	Wethnell Saunders,
Tudor Robert,	Whitacre Henry,
Turner Henry,	Whitefield Francis,
Turner John,	Whittingham <i>Mr.</i> ,
Twiggs Roger.	Wickham Nathaniel,
Vangham Edward,	Wickstead —,
Vinton Thomas.	Wickstead William,
Walcott Phillip,	Wickstede Richard,
Walford John,	Wiggins <i>Mr.</i> ,
	Wiggs Edward,
	Wigmore Thomas,
	Williams John,

Williams Thomas,	Woodhouse William, assistant justice, April, 1631.
Willis Nicholas,	
Willis Richard,	Wooton Roger,
Willis Paul, <i>Minist.</i> ,	Worley Joshua,
Wiltshire Thomas,	Wormull Thomas,
Wirr Francis,	Wrey Leonard,
Wirr William,	Wreyton John,
Witter Richard,	Wright <i>Capt.</i>
Wolfe Edward,	
Wolfe Gabriel,	Yate William,
Wood John,	Yates Thomas,
Wood Mathew, <i>Capt.</i> ,	Yeamans Robert;
Wood Peter,	Yeateman William,
Wood Stephen,	Yeates John <i>Capt.</i> Council,
Woodcock Robert,	June, 1630.
Woodhouse Phillip,	Yeomans Thomas,
	Yeomans John.

NAMES OF CLOTHS SOLD IN COUNTRY STORES, 1789 TO 1812.—Denim, Oil Cloth, Salem Pure, Taboreen, Mode, Platidas, Gauze, Comblet, Shalloon, Cassinet, Beaver, Rowells, Shay, Dutch Lace, Vellum, Lawn, Tabbyreen, Wild-boar, Calico, Mustinet, Ribbeline, Henim, Cordurette, Florentine, Toilanet, Jean, Publicuts, Dinnity, Linen, Jeanette, Nankenette, Joan Spinning, Sinchems, Cheyneen, Bastas, Bombazette, Marseiles, Thickset, Humhum, Lutestring, Broadcloth, Tanning, Cassimere, Tapity, Swansdowne, Baize, Velveteen, Sarsenet, Lasting, India Satin, Flannel, Tabarets, Dineut, Lustian, Satinett, Cooing, Mamsdie, Maxeen, Colimanoes, Velvet, Stomont Calico, Black Persian, Tundaconas, India Pewlong, Scarlet Broadcloth, Makra Gunges, Ribbed Delaine, Striped Grandurell, Black Russell, Mimpy Sockey, Clouded Nankeen.



DAVID ARNOLD HOUSE, WARWICK, R. I.

This house was built by Joseph Potter, about 1750, for David Arnold. Gen. Prescott, after his capture by Barton, partook of his first breakfast at this house. It was said the General did not eat a very hearty one. The landlady seeing he had no necktie supplied him with one, for which he was very thankful. We are indebted to Mrs. Isabella W. Colburn for the pencil sketch from which the above was copied.

A LIST OF THE MARRIAGES OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN.

From Records in Town Clerk's Office.

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T.

Tabor Elizabeth, of William, and Edward Gardiner, of Henry,
May 23, 1745.

“ Reward and Elizabeth Bentley, by Jeremiah Crandall,
justice, Nov. 6, 1763.

Tallman Stephen and Mary Potter, by Rouse Helme, assistant,
Nov. 11, 1724.

Tanner Francis and Mary Task, by Rouse Helme, assistant,
Feb. 26, 1728.

“ Rebecca, of S. K. and Benjamin Brand, of Westerly,
Mar. 16, 1734.

“ Nathan and Mary Cottrell, by Isaac Sheldon, justice,
May 28, 1734.

“ Isaac and Lydia Sherman, of Benjamin, by Wm.
Waite, justice, Dec. 8, 1759.

Task Mary and Francis Tanner, Feb. 26, 1728.

Taylor Joseph and Experience Sherman, by Jeffrey Watson,
assistant, Apr. 6, 1749.

“ Wm. Potter and Lydia Potter, of Capt. Benjamin, by
Rev. James Rogers, Dec. 11, 1760.

“ Susan H. and Abram Hazard, Sept. 18, 1842.

Tefft Joanna and John Webb, Apr. 28, 1721.

“ Samuel, of John and Mary Barber, by Rouse Helme,
assistant, October 5, 1727.

“ Mary and Benjamin Barber, Jan. 11, 1729.

“ Joseph and Esther Brownell, by Rouse Helme, assistant,
Feb. 22, 1729.

“ Martha and Levi Totten, July 8, 1739,

Tefft Stephen and Amie Gardiner, by Isaac Sheldon, justice, Dec. 10, 1741.

- “ Nathan and Isabel Stanton, by Rev. Daniel Everett, Sept. 16, 1742.
- “ Sarah and Hezekiah Brown, of Providence, Mar. 1, 1744.
- “ Ebenezer and Lydia Sweet, by Isaac Sheldon, justice, Nov. 6, 1746.
- “ Mercy and Thomas Miller, of Dighton, Mass., Dec. 16, 1756.
- “ John and Virtue Whitman, by Jeremiah Crandall, justice, Dec. 25, 1757.
- “ Mary and Jeremiah Albro, Oct. 15, 1758.
- “ Mary and Henry Joslin, May 21, 1769.
- “ Abigail, of Ebenezer and James Gardiner, June 27, 1771.
- “ James, Jr., and Mary Wescott, by F. Perry, justice, Feb. 6, 1772.
- “ Mary, of George, and William Cottrell, Dec. 7, 1786.
- “ Daniel and Sarah Northrup, by Samuel Helme, justice, Feb. 9, 1795.
- “ Susan C., of South Kingstown, and Wm. A. Davis, of Fall River, Mass., Dec. 9, 1840.
- “ Lyndon G., of Elijah and Frances and Ann Champlain, of Robert H. and Esther, by Rev. Thomas Vernon, Aug. 18, 1845.
- “ Amie and Benjamin G. Tefft, Nov. 28, 1844.
- “ Benjamin G., of Augustus and Abbie, and Amie Tefft, of Elijah and Frances, by Rev. Thomas Vernon, Nov. 28, 1844.
- “ Mary Ann and James A. Nichols, March 11, 1849.
- “ Stephen Hazard, of Stephen and Mary B., of North Kingstown, and Phebe Weeden Watson, of Freeman P., and Phebe, of South Kingstown, at Lonsdale, R. I., by Rev. E. F. Watson, Jan. 23, 1849.
- “ Stephen A., of Benjamin, of Richmond, R. I., and Eu-nice A. Lewis, of Arnold, of Exeter, by Rev. George K. Clarke, Jan. 20, 1850.

Tenant Sarah and Hawkins Greene, Feb. 12, 1799.
Thayer Jerusha and Joseph Phillips, Feb. 2, 1729.
Thomas Benjamin and Mary Smith, by Rouse Helme, Assistant, Sept. 1, 1737.
" Mary Ann, of George, and Gideon S. Northrup, of James R., Oct. 6, 1850.
Thompson Phebe M., of Richmond, R. I., and Joseph C. Woodmansee, of Richmond, July 18, 1841.
Thurston Mary Ann M. and Nathan Jackways, July 25, 1868.
Tibbets George, Jr., of North Kingstown, and Dorcas Gardiner, of South Kingstown, by Christopher Allen, justice, March 11, 1730-1.
Tizzard William and Abbie A. Woodmansee, both of Exeter, by Rev. E. J. Locke, Sept. 29, 1847.
Totten Levi and Martha Tefft, of George, by Nicholas Gardiner, justice, July 8, 1739.
Tourjee William, Jr., and Martha Gould, by Samuel Helme, justice, Nov. 16, 1797.
" John and Hannah Gould, of John, by Samuel Helme, justice, Aug. 16, 1798.
" Patience A. and Benjamin F. Crandall, Aug. 30, 1852.
Tripp Phebe and William Rice, Dec. 10, 1730.
" Nathaniel and Penelope Rodman, by Samuel Helme, justice, Dec. 15, 1791.
Tucker Elizabeth and Isaac Nash, Jr., May 13, 1723.
" Samuel and Sarah Peckham, by Rev. Silas Learnard, Sept. 16, 1840.
" Thurston and Amie Champlain, by Rev. Silas Learnard, Jan. 4, 1841.
" Adeline B. and William Champlain, April 4, 1841.
" Clarissa and Charles Austin, Nov. 29, 1841.
" Elizabeth, of Joshua, and William Steadman, of Oliver, Jan. 23, 1842.
" Mary T. and Henry Clarke, Dec. 2, 1843.
" John A., of Joshua, Jr., and Delilla Larkin, of John W., by Rev. E. J. Locke, March 6, 1845.

Tucker Susan P., of Simeon, and Robert E. Knowles, of Jeremiah N., Sept. 25, 1845.
" Eunice C. and Samuel P. Tucker, Nov. 7, 1848.
" Samuel P., and Eunice C. Tucker, by Rev. C. T. Chapman, Nov. 7, 1849.
" Eliza Ann and George E. Shed, Dec. 25, 1848.
" Jane P., of South Kingstown, and Nathaniel Peckham, of Middletown, Jan. 16, 1849.
" Palmer, of Simeon and Sally, and Susan Browning, of Samuel and Doreus, by Rev. H. C. Coombes, Feb. 17, 1850.

U.

Underwood Joseph and Ruth Robinson, by Christopher Allen, justice, April 27, 1732.
" Anne and Robert R. Hazard, Sept. 4, 1791.

V.

Vallett Gilbert, of John, of Richmond, R. I., and Catherine Wilcox, of Othniel, of Exeter, by Rev. E. J. Locke, Jan. 1, 1846.
Vaughn Ebenezer, of East Greenwich, and Susan Derwy, of South Kingstown, by Samuel Helme, justice, Feb. 7, 1796.
" John G., of James, of West Greenwich, and Susanah S. Barber, of James, of South Kingstown, by Rev. E. J. Locke, Dec. 24, 1849.
Veal Rebecca and Francis Parker, March 22, 1746.
Verner Ann and John Gardiner, (both came from Ireland,) married by Robert Hannah, justice, about 1748.

W.

Walker James E. B. and Elizabeth S. Rose, of George, by Rev. H. C. Coombes, Oct. 25, 1849.
Watson Harriet and John Sheldon, April 11, 1706.
" Jeffrey and Bathsheba Smith, by Christopher Allen, justice, Nov. 30, 1732.

Watson Dorcas, of John, and Ezekiel Gardiner, of Nicholas,
Aug. 29, 1730.

" John and Sarah Morey, by Isaac Sheldon, justice,
Sept. 28, 1738.

" Hannah, of Jeffrey, and Joshua Allen, of Caleb,
Sept. 13, 1750.

" Jeffrey, Jr., of South Kingstown, and Hannah Gardi-
ner, of North Kingstown, by Rev. Samuel Albro,
March 24, 1757.

" Job and Sarah Hazard, of Robert, by Rev. Joseph
Torrey, Feb. 12, 1766.

" Bathsheba, of Jeffrey, and John Gardiner, of John,
April 30, 1767.

" Desire, of John, Jr., and Peleg Peckham, Jr., Aug.
25, 1785.

" Capt. John, Jr., and Mary Watson, by Samuel Helme,
justice, Dec. 18, 1794.

" Mary and Capt. John Watson, Jr.. Dec. 18, 1794.

" John, of Jamestown, and Sarah Brown, of South
Kingstown, by Rev. Theodore Dehon, Jan. 24, 1799.

" Isabel and John Watson, Aug. 4, 1805.

" John and Isabel Watson, at Suffield, Conn., by Rev.
Daniel Waldo, Aug. 4, 1805.

" Freeman P., of South Kingstown, and Phebe Wat-
son, of Jamestown, at Stonington, Conn., by Rev.
Nathaniel Miner, Dec. 13, 1811.

" Phebe and Freeman P. Watson, Dec. 13, 1811.

" Elisha F. and Mary Dockray, by Rev. James H.
Eames, June 6, 1843.

" Henry, of Cyrus and Experience, and Harriet Wee-
den, of London and Eliza, (colored), by Rev.
Thomas Vernon, March 19, 1846.

" Dorcas G. and Rouse Potter, May 25, 1846.

" Phebe Weeden and Stephen H. Tefft, Jan. 23, 1849.

" William W., of South Kingstown, and Susan C.
Woodmansee, of Exeter, by Rev. E. J. Locke, Jan.
30, 1850.

Waud Mrs. Mary and Benjamin T. Peckham, Dec. 5, 1799.
Webb John and Joanna Tefft, by Rouse Helme, assistant,
April 28, 1721.
" Elizabeth, of Charlestown, and John Sheldon, of South
Kingstown, May 29, 1743.
Webster Hannah, of John and Ezekiel Barber, Nov. 28, 1736.
" Thomas and Henrietta Gould, by Rev. Eldridge
Crandall, March 12, 1846.
" Lucy Ann, of Nathan and Esek B. Smith, of James
W., Nov. 9, 1851.
Weeden Daniel and Martha Potter, by Rev. Joseph Torrey,
Jan. 7, 1753.
" Louisa Ann and George G. Perry, (colored), March
5, 1846.
" Harriet and Henry Watson, (colored), Mar. 19, 1846.
" Louisa and Solomon Fairweather, (colored), Oct. 15,
1848.
Wells Ebenezer and Elizabeth Nash, by Christopher Allen,
justice, Oct. 24, 1726.
" James and Mary Barber, by Robert Hannah, justice,
April 22, 1731.
" Rebecca and William Clarke, Sept. 4, 1731.
" Ann and Thomas Frazer, Nov. 26, 1735.
" Mary, of South Kingstown, and William Crawford, of
Warwick, Sept. 7, 1738.
" Peter, of Westerly, and Elizabeth Carpenter, of South
Kingstown, by Joseph Crandall, justice, March 1,
1759.
" Susannah, of Hopkinton, and Robert Brown, Jr., of
South Kingstown, Feb. 27, 1791.
" Palmer, of Westerly, son of Thompson, of Hopkinton,
R. I., and Susannah Wells, of Jonathan, of South
Kingstown, by Rev. Thomas Kendall, Sept. 20, 1802.
" Susannah and Palmer Wells, Sept. 20, 1802.
" Thomas Robinson, born in Hopkinton, Oct. 20, 1784,
and Maria Potter, born in Rhinebeck, N. Y., May
24, 1790, by Rev. Thomas Kendall, March 15, 1808.

Wells Thomas R. and Emma Palmer, of Stonington, Conn., (his 2d wife,) by Rev. John C. Nichols, Oct. 10, 1833.

“ Hannah, of John, and Samuel Kettle, of Simon, June 11, 1843.

“ Thomas R., of South Kingstown, and Elizabeth Rhodes, of Stonington, Conn., by Rev. James D. Moore, Sept. 28, 1844.

“ Sarah P., of Thomas R., and Rouse R. Clarke, Jan. 16, 1849.

Wescott Caleb and Hannah Gardiner, by Isaac Sheldon, justice, May 27, 1739.

“ Mary and James Tefft, Jr., Feb. 6, 1772.

“ Martha and Mitihel Clarke, Nov. 12, 1748.

West James, of Exeter, and Mary ——, of South Kingstown, by Jeremiah Crandall, justice, Aug. 26, 1756.

“ Lydia, of James, of Westerly, and Gardiner Champlain, of William, Aug. 31, 1791.

“ Mary and Jonathan Potter, Jan. 18, 1848.

Whaley Samuel, Jr., of South Kingstown, and Hannah Austin, of Exeter, by Jeremiah Crandall, justice, July 11, 1769.

“ Susannah, of South Kingstown, and R. R. Barber, of Allenton, Vt., Oct. 19, 1794.

“ Ann, of South Kingstown, and Isaac Goodchild, of Newport, Aug. 29, 1841.

“ John P., of Jeremiah W., and Julia F. Clarke, of Joshua, by Rev. Ezekiel J. Locke, May 14, 1848.

“ Mary H., of Ezekiel, and Joseph P. Champlain, of Samuel, Dec. 29, 1850.

“ Ann A., and John A. Smith, Oct. 29, 1854.

Wheeler Mrs. Mercy, of Stonington, Conn., and Christopher Gardiner, of South Kingstown, Jan. 23, 1760.

Whithorne Mary, of South Kingstown, and Henry John Overring, of Newport, Nov. 15, 1755.

“ Elizabeth, of South Kingstown, and Robert Stanton, of Richmond, R. I., Jan. 16, 1757.

Whithorne James and Eunice Albro, by Jeremiah Crandall,
justice, Oct. 12, 1758.

White Abigail and George Cottrell, Feb. 10, 1739.

Whitford Mary and Joseph Champlain, Dec. 22, 1841.

“ Adeline and William Springer, Aug. 28, 1842.

Whitman Virtue and John Tefft, Dec. 25, 1757.

Wilcox Sarah and William Popplestone, Oct. 5, 1740.

“ Moses Jr., and Mary C. Gardiner, by Rev. Silas Lear-
nard, Nov. 1, 1840.

“ Catherine and Gilbert Vallett, Jan. 1, 1846.

Williams Aaron and Ann Case, by Rouse Helme, assistant,
May 23, 1728.

“ Thomas and Thankful McCoon, by Christopher
Allen, justice, Jan. 6, 1734.

“ Silence and Gideon Sweet, Nov. 30, 1794.

“ Thankful, of South Kingstown, and Lodowick Coon
of Hopkinton, Aug. 9, 1795.

Wilson Alice and Richard Shaw, Aug. 7, 1729.

“ Samuel and Hannah Case, by Rev. Joseph Torrey,
Dec. 30, 1744.

“ Col. John and Mrs. Hannah Hazard, of Col. Thomas,
by Rev. Joseph Torrey, Nov. 21, 1762.

“ Sarah, of South Kingstown, and George James, of
Richmond, R. I., April 24, 1826.

Woodbridge Paine and Mrs. Sarah Gutridge, by Rev. Joseph
Torrey, July 5, 1737.

Woodmansee Joseph C., of Richmond, R. I., and Phebe M.
Thompson, of Columbia, now of Richmond,
R. I., by Rev. John H. Baker, July 18, 1841.

“ Sarah Ann, of Job, of Richmond, R. I., and
Ansel Bowen, of Thomas, of Providence, Oct.
14, 1844.

“ Abbie A. and William Tizzard, both of Exeter,
R. I., Sept. 29, 1847.

“ Susan C., of Exeter, and William W. Watson,
of South Kingstown, Jan. 30, 1850.

Worden Hannah, of South Kingstown, and Jedediah Collins, of Westerly, Aug. 18, 1736.

" Jeremiah and Abigail Gardiner, by Henry Gardiner, justice, Nov. 30, 1738.

V.

York James and Elizabeth Case, by Rouse Helme, assistant, Jan. 11, 1727.

Young John, Jr., and Mercy Galen, both of Exeter, by Jeremiah Crandall, justice, Oct. 11, 1760.

The end.

CAPTAIN JOHN VARS.

CONTRIBUTED BY N. B. VARS, COVENTRY CENTRE, R. I.

CAPT. JOHN⁴ VARS, son of Theodat^y and Mary (Dodge) Vars, was born in Westerly, R. I., in 1735.

Martha Saunders, daughter of Christopher Saunders, was born in Westerly, 1739.

(COPY OF THE MARRIAGE RECORD IN WESTERLY.)

November the 15th, A. D. 1759. Then John⁴ Vars and Martha Saunders, boath of Westerly, were Joyned together in Marriage before me

JOSEPH CRANDALL, Justice peace.

Entered December 25th, 1759.

Children of Capt. John⁴ Vars and Martha, his wife :

1. PRUDENCE⁵ VARS, b. in Westerly, on May 30, 1760.
2. MARY⁵ VARS, b. in Middletown, R. I., Jan. 15, 1763.
3. FANNY⁵ VARS, b. in Middletown, R. I., Oct. 7, 1765.
4. PELEG⁵ VARS, b. in Middletown, R. I., 1767.
5. JOHN⁵ VARS, b. in Middletown, R. I., 1770.
6. OLIVER⁵ VARS, b. in Middletown, R. I., 1773.
7. MARTHA⁵ VARS, b. in Middletown, R. I., 1777.
8. PARDON⁵ VARS, b. in Hopkinton, R. I., 1779.

Capt. John Vars moved from Westerly to Middletown, R. I., near Newport, in 1762. He lived on Honeyman's Hill in all about forty-three years. He died there on April 29th, 1811, aged 76 years. His wife Martha also died there on November 27th, 1815, aged 76 years. They were buried in the Bliss burial place, about one-half mile west of the hill, in the valley west of the stream, and north of the Bliss road, where also were buried two of their daughters, Fanny and Martha, and Martha's husband, Capt. Asa Brooks.

In 1776, John^t Vars was appointed Captain of Militia for Middletown, Colony of Rhode Island, as I find in the Colonial Records.

When the Revolutionary War began he was found a staunch and true patriot. He was ever ready and active in helping his countrymen to gain their independence. He was furnished with arms and ammunition, and authorized to enlist men for the patriot army, and to furnish them with the necessary arms and ammunition, which he had secreted in his cellar.

When his transactions became known to the British, who were then in possession of Newport, they soon arrested him and put him in prison, where he was confined some six or eight weeks, his wife going several times to plead for his release. On one occasion, when she went to the British officer in command and begged for his release, she then being in a delicate condition, was well-nigh overcome with grief. She received in answer to her tears and supplications the reply that John Vars should be *hung* if there never was another man born, and with that sentence ringing in her ears, the almost heartbroken wife returned to her home.

Soon after she left the prison word was received from the American Commander, then in New Jersey, that a number of British officers (recently captured at the battle of Princeton, N. J., on January 3d, 1777,) should be immediately executed if a hair of the head of Capt. John Vars was injured. On receipt of this they released him and he returned to his home that night.

Before the British left the island they burned all the houses in that vicinity, about twenty in number. When they came to burn his house he took out his goods and also took out the windows hoping to save them, but the British officer discovering them, he went and *kicked* out all the glass.

Then as he had no home to live in, he took what was not destroyed and his family, and moved off of the island, and thence to Hopkinton, where he lived some years; also some time in South Kingstown, where his family became acquainted with Christopher Robinson, the rascal, who —.

Six years after leaving Honeyman's Hill, he moved back there, being after the close of the war. Another house had been built on the site of the one burned, into which he moved and there lived to the close of life. The house is yet remaining—a large farm house.

In 1793, he bought the farm adjoining the Vars Homestead in Westerly, on the south, containing one hundred and thirty-five (135) acres; also a cedar swamp lot in Westerly, and a beach and marsh lot in Charlestown, all of which he owned at the time of his death, and was sold by his heirs to Gorton Gardner in 1817, and now belongs to the heirs of the late Isaac⁵ Vars. (1884).

Mrs. Almy, who kept a journal during the Siege of Newport, under date of Sunday, August 16th, 1778, speaks of being so anxious to see the intrenchments, &c., that a Doctor Hussillon took her in a chaise to the hospital. There we had an excellent view of Vars' orchard, and all the encampments in and about it.

In December, 1879, I saw on the hillside a few old trees, the last remnant of the old orchard. (Could those old trees but have told the story of what *they* had witnessed, how full of interest it would have been to one earnestly seeking facts.)

Mrs. Almy was a Tory, and her husband was behind those breastworks in the Patriot army.

NOTE.—The History of the Vars Family in America covers a period of two hundred years. Every member is fully traced, and a sketch of the life of each given. The work covers four hundred pages. The above we give as specimen pages.—EDITOR.

THE RECORD OF OLD SMITHFIELD FROM
1730 TO 1850.

From Records in Town Clerk's Office, Lincoln.

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MARRIAGES.

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B.

Brittan Mary and Nathaniel Woodward, Feb. 7, 1759.

" Patiencee and Jeremiah Bradley, Feb. 18, 1769.

Broadway Thomas and Mary Angell; m. by Thomas Sayles,
justice, April 27, 1735.

" Richard, of Smithfield, and Hannah Tanner, of
Exeter, m. by Job Tripp, justice, Oct. 21, 1758.

" Ruth and Anthony Harris, Jan. 1, 1761.

Bromfield Sarah and Joseph Latham, Jan. 8, 1758.

Brownell Stephen F. and Mary White, Nov. 24, 1811.

" Susan F. and George Darling, Aug. 17, 1844.

" Nancy A. and Nathan D. Oatley, Dec. 31, 1848.

Browning Mary S. and William V. Derk, April 13, 1848.

" Jane Ann and William Tucker, April 24, 1850.

Brown Dorcas and Francis Harendeen, Feb. 12, 1735-6.

" Alice and John Cass, Feb. 18, 1735-6.

" Mary and Nehemiah Sprague, April 16, 1738.

" Benjamin and Priscilla Jillson; m. by David Comstock,
justice, April 12, 1739.

" Stephen and Ruth Ballou; m. by William Arnold,
justice, Dec. 11, 1740.

" Martha and Daniel Comstock, Jr., Dec. 12, 1742.

" Zerviah and Henry Shippee, July 29, 1743.

" Nicholas and Hope Whipple; m. by William Jenckes,
justice, April 22, 1744.

" Sarah and Noah Whitman, Dec. 30, 1744.

" Patience and Caleb Arnold, Jan. 26, 1745-6.

Brown Benjamin and Alice Harenden ; m. by Thomas Sayles, justice, Oct. 5, 1746.

" Amie and Daniel Ballou, Jan. 4, 1746-7.

" Phebe and Ezekiel Angell, Jan. 3, 1750.

" Alice and Capt. Enoch Harris, Feb. 23, 1751.

" James and Susanna Man ; m. by Thomas Steere, justice, April 20, 1755.

" Sarah and Nathan Arnold, June 7, 1757.

" Nebediah of Gloucester, and Mary Clarke, of Smithfield ; m. by Stephen Sly, justice, Sept. 4, 1757.

" Izreal and Lydia Smith ; m. by Stephen Sly, justice, Dec. 15, 1757.

" Eleazer and Sarah Scott ; m. by Daniel Mowry, Jr., justice, Dec. 14, 1758.

" Deborah and Joseph Sprague, June 28, 1761.

" Sarah and Jeremiah Scott, Dec. 24, 1762.

" Hosanna and Elizabeth Harenden ; m. by Richard Sayles, justice, Nov. 22, 1766.

" Dr. Simeon, and Elizabeth Man ; m. by Daniel Smith, justice, March 19, 1767.

" Jerusha and Sylvanus Scott, Nov. 19, 1767.

" Bettey and Joseph Mathewson, April 8, 1773.

" Lucinda and Joseph Benchley, Jan. 16, 1780.

" Mary and Esek Smith, Sept. 3, 1780.

" Mary and Comfort Arnold, Dec. 22, 1786.

" John, of Capt. Christopher, dec., and Mary Whipple, of Capt. Benjamin ; m. at North Providence, by Rev. Rufus Tefft, Feb. 14, 1790.

" James, of James, dec., and Elizabeth Appleby, of James, Jr. ; m. by John Sayles, justice, Nov. 25, 1792.

" Charles and Lucretia Hawks ; m. by Benjamin Sheldon, justice, Feb. 8, 1795.

" Sarah and Isaiah Booth, June 2, 1799.

" Lucina and Phineus Ashley, May 2, 1803.

" Benjamin, Jr., and Susannah Phillips ; m. by William B. Martin, justice, Feb. 12, 1805.

Brown Rebecca and Izreal Mowry, Feb. 9, 1812.
" Roby and Farnum Gifford, Aug. 31, 1815.
" Abbie and Izreal Arnold, Jr., April 24, 1816.
" Allen, of Benjamin, of Smithfield, and Wealthy
Smith, of William, of Killingly, Conn; m. by Rev.
Stephen Place, April 10, 1817.
" Henry and Sally Verry; m. by Joel Aldrich, justice,
Sept. 30, 1817.
" Clariet and Dr. George Capron, July 9, 1823.
" Francis, of Providence, and Nancy Bartlett, of Cum-
berland; m. by Samuel Man, justice, June 3, 1824.
" Amie and James Winsor, Feb. 20, 1826.
" Elkanah and Lydia T. Twist; m. by Samuel Man, jus-
tice, May 25, 1834.
" Lorenzo S., of Cumberland, and Lucy W. Streeter, of
Smithfield; m. by Henry S. Mansfield, justice, Nov.
1, 1832.
" Joseph O. and Prusie P. Aldrich; m. by Asa Winsor,
justice, Aug. 12, 1834.
" Calvin W. and Sarah Colburn; m. by Henry S. Mans-
field, justice, May 8, 1836.
" Sarah W. and Horace M. Nickerson, June 9, 1839.
" Emeline and Charles Mowry, Sept. 10, 1860.
" Benjamin, of George, and Minerva Hopkins, dau. of
Joseph Smith, both of Burrillville; m. by Rev. Reu-
ben Allen, Dec. 31, 1840.
" Lucinda and Wanton Harendeen, Jan. 3, 1841.
" Susan T. and Arnold A. M. Steere, March 14, 1841.
" Paulina and William F. Peirce, Nov. 25, 1841.
" Charles, of Uxbridge, and Sarah G. Cinecome, of
Smithfield; m. by Rev. T. A. Taylor, Jan. 1, 1844.
" John D., of Providence, and Rebecca Bartlett, of
Smithfield; m. by Rev. Asel D. Cole, June 18, 1844.
" Henry T. and Phebe A. Eddy; m. by Rev. T. A. Tay-
lor, July 28, 1844.
" Mary H. and David P. Sherman, Nov. 3, 1844.

Brown Thomas S. and Sally Goldwaite; m. by Rev. John Borden, Jun., Dec. 8, 1844.

" William, of Rice A., and Mary A. Hammond, of Amos; m. by Rev. William Verrinder, Dec. 16, 1844.

" Caroline F. and Samuel O. Taber, Oct. 6, 1866.

" Stephen P. of Scituate, son of Stephen, and Martha J. Fuller, of Smithfield, dau. of Charles, dec.; m. by Rev. Mowry Phillips, Oct. 29, 1846.

" Jane and Robert Robinson, Nov. 25, 1746.

" John of George, and Ann Tagaes, of Andrew; m. by Rev. Bayles P. Talbot, —, 1846.

" Nancy P. and Clarke Sweetland, March 4, 1847.

" Harriet G. and George A. Angell, Oct. 28, 1847.

" Stephen L. of Burrillville, son of Gideon and Free-love, and Mary E. Bolster, of Smithfield, dau. of William and Sarah; m. by Rev. Bayles P. Talbot, July 19, 1848.

Bucklin David, of Rehoboth, Mass., and Elizabeth Arnold, of Smithfield; m. by Thomas Lapham, justice, Sept. 20, 1759.

" Anne and George Aldrich, Aug. 27, 1761.

" Martha and John Arnold, Oct. 15, 1761.

" John, 2d, of Rehoboth, son of James, and Anne Arnold, of Smithfield, dau. of Joshua; m. by Welcome Arnold, justice, Oct. 30, 1770.

Buffinton David and Susan L. Fisher; m. by Rev. John Borden, Jr., at Cumberland, Dec. 24, 1840.

Buffum Lydia and Joseph Kelly, Oct. 6, 1743.

" Jedediah, of Smithfield, and Sarah Taft, of Uxbridge; m. by Stephen Sly, justice, Sept. 22, 1757.

" Jonathan and Ruth Joslin; m. by Ezekiel Comstock, justice, March 20, 1762.

" David, of Joseph, of Smithfield, and Waite Wilkinson, of Izreal; m. by Stephen Arnold, justice, Sept. 27, 1767.

Buffum William, of Joseph, and Lydia Arnold, of Thomas ;
m. by Stephen Arnold, justice, Oct. 1, 1767.

" Richard, of Joseph, of Smithfield, and Ruth Greene,
of Scituate, dau. of Benjamin ; m. by Stephen
Arnold, justice, Feb. 23, 1783.

" Joshua, of Smithfield, and Sabra Ballou, of Gloucester ; m. by Jonathan Harris, justice, June 4, 1786.

" Stephen, of Benjamin, of Smithfield, and Sarah Holbrook, of Michael, of Uxbridge ; m. by Stephen Arnold, justice, Oct. 11, 1789.

" Levina, and Ahas Mowry, June 26, 1791.

" Richard, of Smithfield, son of Joseph, and Mary Battey, of Gloucester, dau. of Obadiah Wheeler ;
m. by Edward Medbury, justice, March 5, 1799.

" Thomas, of William, and Mariah Arnold, of Col.
Daniel ; m. by Elisha Arnold, justice, March 24,
1803.

" Waite and Otis Bartlett, Oct. 20, 1803.

" Eliza and Henry Stephen Mansfield, Nov. 10, 1811.

" Rhoda and Burrell Tefft, Dec. 4, 1832.

" Ruth Ann, and Samuel Buxton, Feb. 1, 1838.

" Ruth and William Buxton, Feb. 3, 1839.

Bullock Ardelia M. and David Briggs, Oct. 13, 1840.

" Sarah B. and Welcome Smith, April 18, 1843.

" Mary J. and Charles Sweetzer, Sept. 17, 1844.

" James N., son of widow Rosina, and Ann M. Jennison, of Gardiner ; m. by Rev. T. A. Taylor, July 2, 1849.

Bump Elizabeth and Benjamin Streeter, June 19, 1746.

Burbank Thomas, of Smithfield, son of Luke, and Amie Clarke, of John ; m. by Ephraim Sayles, justice, June 8, 1841.

Burden Timothy, of Briant, of Kittery, N. H., and Martha Bayley, of Samuel ; m. by Rev. Rufus Tefft, Sept. 14, 1789.

" Catherine and William R. Price, Feb. 25, 1847.

Burdick John B., of Cumberland, son of Ellis, and Selina C. Bicknell, of Smithfield, dau. of Samuel C.; m. by Rev. Warren Lincoln, Nov. 26, 1846.

Burgess John D., of Providence, and Elizabeth W. Benedict, of Smithfield; m. by Rev. S. S. Bradford, July 6, 1846.

Burick Mercy and Zachariah Eddy, May 9, 1843.

Burkett Roxanna R. and Jenckes Vallett, June 23, 1842.

“ John W., of John, of Waterborough, Me., and Amanda Holley, of William P., of Smithfield; m. by Simon A. Sayles, justice, Oct. 3, 1843.

Burlingame Jane and John M. Fowler, May 3, 1840.

“ Elizabeth and Orin Curtis, Aug. 7, 1843.

“ Richard S., of Joseph and Serena, and Mary Ann Cole, of Riley and Sarah; m. by Asa Winsor, justice, July 3, 1850.

Burn Betsey and Mason D. Cole, Jan. 14, 1849.

Bushee Nancy and Joshua Bowen, June 28, 1844.

“ Edwin H. and Laura M. Pain; by Rev. T. A. Taylor, Dec. 1, 1843.

“ Laura M. and Joseph O. Mowry, Sept. 27, 1849.

Buxton Samuel and Martha Thompson; m. by William Arnold, justice, Nov. 28, 1751.

“ Joseph and Sarah Goldwaite; m. by William Arnold, justice, Feb. 10, 1752.

“ Lydia and Daniel Callam, March 12, 1752.

“ Charity and Peletiah Goldwaite, Dec. 5, 1799.

“ Samuel and Ruth Ann Buffum; m. by Rev. Maxey W. Burlingame, Feb. 1, 1838.

“ Judith and Rufus W. Tefft, Aug. 27, 1838.

“ William, of Daniel, dec., and Ruth Buffum, widow of Stephen, Jr., dec.; m. by Isaac Tabor, justice, Feb. 3, 1839.

“ Selah and Sarah Ann Tourtelote; m. by Rev. T. A. Taylor, July 3, 1840.

“ Eliza and William Gould, March 21, 1844.

Buxton Daniel and Sarah Howard; m. by Rev. Warren Lincoln, July 1, 1847.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

Balcome Sarah, died Nov. 19, 1756.

Ballard Isaac, of Benjamin and Susannah, Nov. 28, 1734.

"	Stephen Ballou, of Benjamin and Mary,	Dec. 14, 1738.
"	Jeremiah, of Jeremiah and Abigail,	March 12, 1743-4.
"	Eleazer,	" " " (sic.) Oct. 12, 1744.
"	Lydia,	" " " May 7, 1746.
"	Ichabod,	" " " Jan. 6, 1747.
"	Luke,	" " " Jan. 29, 1749.
"	Andrew,	" " " July 24, 1752.

Ballou, Jonathan, of Samuel and Susannah, Nov. 10, 1723.

"	Lydia,	" " " Dec. 6, 1725.
"	Phebe,	" " " May 9, 1728.
"	Eleazer,	" " " June 12, 1730.
"	Patience,	" " " July 15, 1732.
"	Samuel,	" " " May 24, 1735.
"	"	" " " d. July 1, 1735.
"	Samuel,	" " " Feb. 4, 1736.
"	Susanna,	" " " June 28, 1739.
"	Jemima,	" " " May 14, 1742.
"	David,	" " " Aug. 23, 1744.
"	Aaron,	" " " Jan. 30, 1748.
"	Moses,	" " " Jan. 30, 1748.
"	Simeon, of Abraham and Mary,	March 21, 1740.
"	John, of John, Jr., and Elizabeth,	April 3, 1743.
"	Benjamin,	" " " Nov. 20, 1746.
"	Anna,	" " " Dec. 14, 1749-50.
"	Maturin, died May 7, 1760.	
"	William, of Moses and Elizabeth,	July 25, 1768.
"	George,	" " " April 19, 1770.
"	Arnold,	" " " March 26, 1772.
"	Elizabeth,	" " " Feb. 28, 1776.
"	Mercy, of Aaron and Lydia,	Aug. 1, 1773.

Ballou	Jonathan, of Aaron and Lydia,	March 12, 1775.
"	Aaron, " " "	April 14, 1777.
"	Isaac, " " "	March 30, 1779.
"	William, " " "	June 8, 1781.
"	Lydia, " " "	May 19, 1783.
"	Susanna, " " "	Sept. 27, 1784.
"	Dutee, of Moses and Desire,	May 31, 1779.
"	Moses, " " "	June 2, 1781.
"	Otis, " " "	March 27, 1784.
"	Desire, " " "	Feb. 19, 1788.
"	Willard, " " "	March 12, 1792.
"	Freelove, " " "	April 20, 1794.
Barnes	Levi, of Enoch and Alice,	March 1, 1753.
"	Nancy, of Levi and Hannah,	March 10, 1776.
"	Alice, " " "	Feb. 1, 1778.
"	Deborah, " " "	Feb. 20, 1781.
"	Marcy, " " "	Oct. 29, 1784.
"	Nathan, " " "	Jan. 2, 1790.
"	Levi, " " "	May 13, 1792.
"	Hannah, " " "	Nov. 10, 1796.
"	Wm. Lovell, of Jonathan and Nancy,	Jan. 2, 1810.
"	Nelson, " " "	June 23, 1811.
"	Mercy, " " "	June 6, 1813.
"	Horace, " " "	June 18, 1815.
"	Mary, " " "	Jan. 18, 1819.
"	Jonathan, " " "	Feb. 11, 1821.
Bartlett	Elisha, of Otis and Waite,	Oct. 6, 1804.
"	Caroline, " " "	Nov. 3, 1806.
"	Adelia, " " "	Jan. 1, 1808.
"	Rebecca, " " "	Sept. 1, 1810.
"	Ruth Arnold, of Otis and Waite,	June 14, 1812.
"	" " " " "	d. May 22, 1813.
"	Joseph Leander, of Joseph,	April 21, 1820.
"	Atwell, of Elisha and Sarah,	Dec. 22, 1833.
"	Sophia, " " "	Oct. 2, 1835.
"	Fayette Earl, " " "	Nov. 12, 1844.

Benchley Benjamin, of William and Deborah,	May 27, 1748.
" Arnold, " " " Jan. 25, 1751.	
" Nathan, " " " Nov. 9, 1753.	
" David, " " " May 11, 1755.	
" Joseph, " " " Aug. 23, 1757.	
" Lydia, " " " Jan. 14, 1760.	
" Benjamin, of Joseph and Lucinda, March 7, 1781.	
Bennett Joseph, of Timothy and Hannah, Nov. 6, 1767.	
" Olive, " " " Feb. 16, 1770.	
" Susanna, " " " March 3, 1772.	
Benson Sarah, of Job and Meriam, Sept. 26, 1730.	
Bishop Jemima, of Edward and Mehitable, June 9, 1733.	
" " " " d. March 1, 1818.	
" Mary, of Edward and Sarah, July 25, 1734.	
" Sarah, " " " Oct. 19, 1736.	
" Ezekiel, " " " Jan. 5, 1738-39.	
Blackmar Levi, of Henry and Jane, Nov. 25, 1741.	
" Adonijah, " " " Sept. 9, 1743.	
" Stephen, " " " Jan. 2, 1749.	
" Lucretia, " " " Jan. 27, 1753.	
" Coin, " " " Oct. 27, 1755.	
Bliss Ann Janette, of Orin N. and Susan, April 10, 1848.	
Bowen Lemuel, of William and Anne, March 9, 1755.	
" John, " " " April 16, 1757.	
" William, " " " March 17, 1761.	
" Thomas, " " " April 16, 1763.	
" Jennings, " " " June 1, 1765.	
" Samuel, " " " March 24, 1768.	
" Sarah, " " " April 27, 1770.	
" Remember, " " " Oct. 15, 1772.	
" Anne, " " " Oct. 15, 1772.	
" Isaac, " " " Dec. 30, 1774.	
" Hoab, of David and Hopestill.	
Boyce Cadis, of Paul and Hannah, July 27, 1758.	
" John, " " " April 21, 1760.	
" Nathan, " " " Feb. 12, 1762.	

Boyce Nieone, (son), of Paul and Hannah,	April 17, 1765.
" Jacob,	" " " Sept. 29, 1767.
Brayton Patience, (Swanzee), of Baulston and Margaret,	May 1, 1740.
" Isaac, (Sm.), of Baulston and Margaret,	Nov. 4, 1742.
" David, " " " Feb. 7, 1744.	
" John, " " " Sept. 23, 1751.	
" William, (Sm.), " " " April 30, 1751.	
" Mary, (Portsmouth), of Stephen and Annie,	Aug. 10, 1764.
" Isaac, (Sm.), of Stephen and Annie,	Oct. 15, 1755.
" Phebe, " " " Oct. 19, 1767.	
" Amie, " " " Jan. 4, 1770.	
" Stephen, (Sm.), " " " June 4, 1772.	
" Arnold, " " " Aug. 10, 1774.	
" Elizabeth, " " " June 29, 1776.	
" Joseph, " " " Dec. 6, 1779.	
" Jesse, " " " Nov. 3, 1781.	
" Daniel, " " " _____.	
" Sarah, of John and Elnathan,	April 22, 1783.
" Amie, " " " Dec. 25, 1784.	
" Baulston, " " " April 12, 1787.	
Briggs Jenckes, of James and Cynthia,	Dec. 3, 1797.
" Amie, " " " Feb. 26, 1800.	
" Almond, " " " Nov. 1, 1801.	
" Laimond, " " " Feb. 1, 1806.	
" Darwin Tyler, of Tyler and Joanna,	June 30, 1823.
" Samuel Man, " " " Oct. 3, 1825.	
Brittan Jonathan, of Abial, Jr., and Elizabeth,	July 25, 1752.
" Mehitable, " " " Nov. 21, 1756.	
" David, " " " Aug. 8, 1758.	
" Elizabeth, " " " March 22, 1760.	
" Martha, " " " Feb. 16, 1772.	
" William, of Abial and Alice,	May 2, 1772.
" Abial, " " " May 6, 1774.	
" John, " " " July 17, 1779.	
" Ichabod, " " " June 17, 1783.	

Broadway Abel, of Samuel and Hannah,		April 19, 1760.
Brown Phebe, of Capt. Joseph and Obijah,	Feb. 28, 1728-9.	
" Weight, " " "	Oct. 7, 1730.	
" Amie, " " "	Dec. 9, 1734.	
" Patience, of William and Patience,	July 3, 1729.	
" William, " " "	April 10, 1731.	
" Susanna, " " "	May 19, 1733.	
" Amie, " " "	March 2, 1734.	
" Eleazer, " " "	Dec. 31, 1736.	
" David, " " "	April 27, 1739.	
" Richard, of James and Susanna,	March 13, 1756.	
" Andrew, " " "	March 30, 1758.	
" Lydia, " " "	Sept. 30, 1760.	
" William, " " "	March 26, 1762.	
" Joseph, " " "	June 10, 1764.	
" James, " " "	July 5, 1767.	
" Lucius, of Dr. Simeon and Elizabeth,	Oct. 7, 1772.	
" Lydia, (No. Prov.), of John and Mary,	July 5, 1790.	
" Samantha Letitia, of Lorenzo S. and Lucy W., June 8, 1835.		
" Abbie Frances, of Lorenzo S. and Lucy W., March 18, 1841.		
" Eanarh Chancy, of Lorenzo S. and Lucy W., June 18, 1843.		
Buffum Jedediah, of Joseph and Margaret,	Aug. 17, 1737.	
" Jonathan, " " "	Dec. 1, 1739.	
" William, " " "	Dec. 20, 1741.	
" David, " " "	Oct. 17, 1743.	
" Comfort, " " "	Dec. 10, 1745.	
" Elizabeth, " " "	April 24, 1748.	
" Hannah, " " "	Feb. 15, 1749.	
" Anne, " " "	Nov. 27, 1751.	
" Joseph, " " "	Feb. 25, 1753.	
" Margaret, " " "	Nov. 28, 1755.	
" James, " " "	Oct. 29, 1757.	
" Richard, " " "	March 22, 1760.	

Buffum	Abigail, of Joseph and Margaret,	March 22, 1760.
"	Benjamin, of Benjamin and Elizabeth,	April 12, 1750.
"	Annie, " " "	Sept. 13, 1758.
"	Moses, " " "	Feb. 3, 1755.
"	Mary, " " "	April 31, 1757.
"	Esther, of Jedediah and Sarah,	April 12, 1758.
"	George, " " "	May 13, 1760.
"	Esek, " " "	April 6, 1763.
"	Benjamin, of Joseph and Margaret,	May 10, 1762.
"	Levina, of David and Waite,	July 30, 1768.
"	Huldah, " " "	Feb. 28, 1771.
"	George, " " "	Feb. 1, 1773.
"	Waite, wife of David,	died Nov. 3, 1777.
"	Patience, of William and Lydia,	May 9, 1770.
"	Lucy, " " "	Sept. 29, 1772.
"	Thomas, " " "	June 2, 1776.
"	Hannah, " " "	Dec. 11, 1779.
"	Arnold, " " "	Jan. 13, 1782.
"	Richard, of Richard and Ruth,	Jan. 2, 1784.
"	Charlotte, " " "	March 19, 1787.
"	James, " " "	March 30, 1789.
"	Joseph, " " "	Aug. 22, 1792.
"	Maria, " " "	May 27, 1797.
"	Ruth, wife of Richard,	died Sept. 5, 1798.
"	Syrus, dau. of Joshua Buffum, and Lydia Kelly,	May 26, 1785.
"	Paulina, of Joshua and Sabra,	Nov. 20, 1788.
"	Elizabeth, " " "	June 19, 1793.
"	Ballou, " " "	Oct. 9, 1795.
"	Tile, " " "	Feb. — 1798.
"	Stephen, of Stephen and Sarah,	April 15, 1791.
"	Benjamin, " " "	March 17, 1793.
"	Allen, " " "	Jan. 29, 1795.
"	Wheeler, of Richard and Mary,	Oct. 14, 1799.
"	Hannah, " " "	July 23, 1801.
"	Thomas, " " "	July 28, 1803.

Buffum William Almy, of Richard and Mary,	Aug. 6, 1805.
" Mary Ann, " " "	July 3, 1807.
" Albert Gallitan, " " "	July 15, 1809.
" Horace, of Thomas and Mariah,	Nov. 21, 1803.
" Peleg Arnold, of Thomas and Mariah,	Dec. 25, 1805.
" John, " " "	Aug. 9, 1808.
" David, " " "	Oct. 19, 1811.
" James, " " "	May 4, 1814.
" Albert Arnold, " " "	June 18, 1818.
" Rhoda, of Stephen, Jr., and Ruth,	Sept. 23, 1822.
" Ruth Ann, " " "	Oct. 29, 1825.
Bundy James, of Ebenezer and Jemima,	May 28, 1754.
" Martha, " " "	March 24, 1756.
Buxton Anne, of Joseph and Sarah,	Jan. 23, 1768.
" Sarah, " " "	June 25, 1752.
" Samuel, " " "	Nov. 1, 1754.

(To be continued).

Church Music in Rhode Island, 120 Years Ago.

Providence, June y^e 19th, 1752.

The Elders and Brethren assembled at Providence from the several United Baptized Churches, Being informed that several of the Brethren under the care of Elder Josiah Cook in Cumberland are zealous of singing David's Psalms with Rhyme and tune with conjoyned voices in the Church as a Church ordinance, We think it proper to send you this advice that you forbear such a practice: since we have no command from Jesus Christ as mediator of the New Covenant for such a practice nor example from the Holy Apostles of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: wishing you all grace and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ, desiring that we and you may be careful to maintain the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace, so fare well.

Jonathan Stead	Joshua Winsor
Hezekiah Fisk	Thomas Burlingame Ju ^r
Solomon Drowne	Job Mason
Daniel Martin	Edward Mitchell
Samuel Winsor	Elisha Gheeene
Samuel Fisk	Joseph Sheldon.

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Deed From Wuttiashant to the Proprietors of Providence.

Recorded in old Book No. 3, Prov. Records, Page 452.

CONTRIBUTED BY FRED A. ARNOLD.

Prouidence : 10. 3. 1661 (so calld)

This testifieth y^e I wuttiashant sachim formerly liuing at wachimocut now at kaukanchuwadshad doe giue vp & Resigne to Tho Oly Senio^r John Browne & Roger Williams of. prouidence for the vse of the said Towne all my Interest & Claime to a certaine Tract or Lordship of land lying west northwest or theare about from prouidence Called wayunckeke y^e bounds of y^e sayd land from y^e Indian field of wayunckeke ar Eastward to a ridge of hills Called pamechipsk westward to a Riuer called Toigaskqt w^{ch} runs downe to pawtuckqt Southward to a way in the midst of a plaine ground betweene wayankeke & mishwosakit pond Northward to a place Called Quttonekanituning y^e said lordship with all the Rights & priuledges fields meadowes Riuers fishings Trees Stones & whot Euer Else I formerly Enjoyed there as mine owne Inheritance from my father and long by me enjoyed I now for good Consideration in hand Receiued & agreed vpon with my heart Resigne as aforesaid witnes my hand

Y^e m^{ke}  of wuttiashant

Witnes

y^e m^{ke} of  George called muchickakou
& pigs Eyes

y^e m^{ke} of  pompinuanit

William Hake

Enroled y^e 24th of Janeuary 1667.

p me  SHADRACK MANTON Towne Clerke.

Deed From Maugin to the Proprietors of Providence.

Prouidence 27. 10. 61 (So Calld)

Be it knowne vnto all men y^e I Maugon Called Tom of wauchimoquot Doe freely Giue vp all my Claime of Right to any Lands about Notacunckanet & so forward to Sakesakit & Paugatchat. and so from thence forward Mishosakit vnto the Towne of prouidence & promise to helpe the men of prouidence to Cleare the Indians from their fields at y^e places aforesaid.

This writing I make to Thomas Olny Senior John Browne. Valentine Whitman & Roger Williams. Appointed by y^e Towne to Cleare off Indians for the Townes vse. in witnes wheareof I set my Marke.

Y^e m^{ke}

of Maugin

Witnes

Daniell Williams

Calld Tom of Wauchimoquut

Enroled the 24th Day of Janeuary 1667

p me

SHADRACH MANTON TOWNE CLERKE.

As early as January 27, 1657-8, a committee was appointed to treat with the Indians that lay claim to the meadow of Lokusquussuck, and clear it for the town. The confirmatory deeds of 1659 seem to have given little more than jurisdiction over the territory conveyed; both parties understanding that all Indians living on the same, were to be satisfied in addition, for the lands they occupied.

1659-60, Jan. 27. It was ordered that Tho: Olney, Sen., William Wickenden, John Sayles and Tho: Hopkins, shall meet with some Pautuxett men, to confer, consider, and dispose of matters concerning what hath been done with the Indians concerning our plantations and to meet upon Munday com fortnight; and to bring in their result into the towne.

A very bitter discussion arose over the matter and much bad blood was aroused. On the 27th of October, 1660, in a letter to the town, Roger Williams says —

“ now as to some new plantation, I desire to propose that which may quench contention, may accommodate such who want, and may also return monies unto such as have of late disbursed. Let us consider, if Niswosakit and Wayunckeke, and the land thereabout, may not afford a new and comfortable plantation. * * * I pray you consider, that the inhabitants of these parts, with most of the Coweset and Nipmucks, have long since forsaken the Narragansett Sachems and subjected them selves to the Massachusetts. * * * I have parlied with them, and find that about thirty pounds will cause them to leave those parts, and yield peaceable possession. * * * I offer gratis, my time and pains in hopes that such as want may have a comfortable supply amongst us, and others made room for.”*

In reply, the same day, they write :

“ S^r: Wee received yo^r letter, and it being read in the ears of o^r Towne, they considered this answer. That from these words in o^r Evidence taken by you, which are these : The Landes upon Moshausuck, and Wanquatuckett ; which Landes comprehend Musswasacutt etc. are o^r already, and when we plant there wee will agree with the Indians either to Remove, or to fence : * * * Wee shall not be averse to any fayre gratuetye, either to take them off there ffeilds, or otherwise, always having Respect unto the act of the Sachems whome you have formerly so much Honnored ; And herein if you can accomplish wee shall be ready to assist with further pay,”† etc.

1661-2, March 14. It was ordered “ that three men shall be chosen by the Town to go and view the lands about Wayunkeake to see where it will be convenient to place a Town, etc. Tho: Olney, Sen., William Carpenter and John Browne, are the men who are chosen by the towne to view the lands about Wayunkeake, as in the former order, and to be paid by the town three shillings apiece pr. day for their pains.”

1663, July 3. It was ordered that Mr. Roger Williams, Arthur Fenner, John Browne and James Ashton, shall upon the last day of August meet with four of Pawtuxett men to

* Bartlett's Letters of Roger Williams, p. 113.

† Old Town Records, p. 50.

take into consideration and ordering of the manner of paying of what monies hath been disbursed to the confirmation of the town lands and Pautuxetts."

1663, Decem. 30. Mr. Roger Williams and John Browne are appointed to go to the neighbors about the money due for Wayunkeake and to receive it and give discharges."

The lands described in these deeds lay to the north and northwest of Providence and Pawtucket, and distant about five miles. Louisquiset being around Limerock,* in the northern part of the present town of Lincoln, Wayunkeake* or Wiankeege to the west of Louisquiset, and north of Greenville in the present town of Smithfield, while Miswosakit or Musswasacutt, and Sakesakit, were still farther west in the present towns of Scituate and Gloucester.

JOHN BROWNE, one of the parties to these and several other of the early Indian deeds, was the eldest son of the Rev. Chad and Elizabeth Browne. He came to Boston with his parents in the ship Martin, July, 1638, he being then eight years of age. Removing to Providence his father became the first settled minister of the First Baptist Church, of which John and his son James were afterward Elders.

1645-6, Jan. 19. His name appears upon the 25-acre agreement (so called).

1649, Nov. 3. He with five others drew lots for the home share of Mr. Lea (deceased), the person drawing the same to pay Mrs. Lea 30s.

1651. He was one of a jury of inquest touching the death of Margaret Goodwin, who returned the following verdict:

"Having made inquiry by what witness they can know of or hear of; we find that so near as we can judge either the terribleness of the crack of thunder on the second of the third month 1651, or the coldness of the night being she was naked did kill her."†

* Newman's Woonsockett, p. 7.

† Parson's Indian names, &c., p. 29.

‡ Prov. Transcript, p. 113.

1651, July 28. Thomas Walling and John Jones were received into the town fellowship as townsmen, "after the order of John Browne."*

1652. Was one of the signers to a declaration to be true and faithful to the Commonwealth of England.

1652-55-59-60 and 64. Juryman to the General Court.

1654, Aug. 31. Was one of the Commissioners on reuniting the towns.

1654, Nov. 8. He and others "were authorized to order the matter of taking fines from the absent soldiers which are listed in the clerks book."

1655. On the "Roule of y^e Freemen."

1657, May 14. Had a 3-acre lot laid out to him by the town.

1659, June 6. Surveyor of Highways.

1660, June 28. On a committee to take into consideration and debate the matter how many may be accommodated within the limits of this plantation allowing a sufficient quantity of comoning, and bring in their result to the town the next quarter day.

1661, March 25. On a committee to levy a rate of £35 for a Colony Prison.

1662-64 and 65. Member of town council.

1662, March 14. Moderator of the town meeting that ordered the laying out of a town upon the lands lately bought of the Indians.

1662, June. Appointed on a committee to procure timber and build a bridge over Moshassuck river near Thomas Olney's house (n^ear present Stevens Street Bridge).

1662, Oct. 27. One of a committee to levy a rate of £76, 02s. 6d. to send to Mr. Clarke in England.

1663 and 64. Deputy.

1663, Oct. 31. On a committee to assess a rate.

Dec. 30. Thomas Harris, Sen., and John Browne are appointed to lay out land until further orders are taken about it.

* Prov. Transcript, p. 138.

1664, Dec. 17. On a committee to assess a rate.

1665, Feb. Drew lot No. 8 in a division of lands.

March 31. On a committee to run a line between Providence common and Pawtuxett.

1665-1666. Assistant.

1666, May 31. Engaged Allegiance to King Charles the Second.

1666, Nov. 9. Was named one of the overseers of the will of Joane Rhodes of Pautuxet, widow of Zachary.

1666, Nov. 13. "It is granted unto John Browne to change his thirteen acres of land that lieth behind Hurtle berry hill."

1666, Dec. 22. Witness to Roger Williams' deed to the town.

1668-9, Feb. 27. With Mary, his wife, he sold to James Mattison five acres of land on the south-west side of the Wanasquatucket river, that was given him by his father, Chad Brown, "in his last will and testament."

1671, Jan. 9. The town council having before them a knotty probate case, sent for John Browne, and other prominent men to meet with them "to lend their advice and give their apprehensions as concerning y^e said estate."

1672, Dec. 21. He sold a lot of land to brother Jeremiah, of Newport, which his father Chad, had bought in his lifetime of George Rickards, being the eastern half of said Rickards' home share,—the western half being in the possession of Mrs. Debrah fields, widow of William.

Decem. 31, of the same year, he sold to his brother James, of Newport, the home lot of their father Chad Browne (deceased), next north of the above, and bounded on the north with a home share formerly Daniel Abbott's (deceased), and now belonging to his son Daniel, and on the south with the home share of George Rickards (deceased), now in possession of Mrs. Debrah fields; east with the common, and west with the highway or town street,—"the which said share of land became my right by reversion from my mother Elizabeth, my father's wife, according as my father Chad Brown, by his will

disposed the same, reserving to myself my heirs and assigns twenty foot square of the said land with the orchard where my father and mother are buried, with free egress from said place.”*

This lot was sold the same day by James Browne to Daniel Abbott, and a part of it was many years afterwards repurchased by John and Moses Brown, great-grandsons of John, and presented to Brown University, that the new college building might be erected on a part of the original homestead of their ancestor Chad Browne. The burying place, reserved in the above deed, was near the northwestern corner of the old Court House on College street, and the remains of Chad Browne and others were removed from that spot to the North Burying Ground, by the town, in 1792.

Moses Brown, in a letter to President Wayland, dated 25, 5mo. 1833, says,—

“Chad and his wife were buried on their own lot, near the northwest corner of the now town house, and had a large square monument of granite over them; I saw their remains when taken up.”†

A lot of land, bounded on the west partly by this burial lot, was deeded, 1723, by Daniel Abbott to the Congregational Society, and upon it they at once erected the first Congregational meeting house in Providence. This house after being used by the church about 70 years, passed into the possession of the town, and in 1860, it being then about 137 years old, it was demolished to widen College street. The present Providence County Court House now occupies the site.

1675. John Browne was No. 42 of those who drew lots on the west of the seven mile line.

1679, July 1. Was taxed 5s.

1680, Aug. 3. With wife Mary sold land to Thomas Pattey.

1685, Nov. 11. Had laid out to him by the town, 75 acres in his own right, and in right of his father Chad Browne;

* *Prov. deeds*, I. 11-12.

† *Hist. of Brown University*, p. 208.

about 3 miles northwestward from the town, and adjoining his Wanskuck meadows, and on both sides of West river.

1687, Sept. 1. With son John, taxed 5s.

1687. Ratable estate consisted of 4 oxen, 5 cows, 4 two year old, 2 three years, 45 sheep, 3 horses, 3 hogs, 7 acres planting land, 7 acres pasture, 7 acres swamp-meadow, 5 acres bog-meadow.

1690, July 6. He deeded to his son James, "for his well being and settlement, and also in consideration of his good obedience and pains, care, and dilligence, which he constantly hath taken in providing for my family; my three house lots or home shares of land lieing all together, with my dwelling house," etc., (and several other outlying lots of land.) "Always provided, and it is to be considered, that I the said John Browne do reserve for myself and my wife our dwelling and being in the said house during the terme of our and each of our natural life, and out of the said lands to have a comfortable livelihood and maintainance for myself and my said wife during the term of our, and each of our natural life."*

1701. The Rev. James Clarke, of Newport, a nephew of Rev. Dr. John Clarke, was ordained Pastor of the Second Baptist Church in Newport, by Elders, Pardon Tillinghast and John Browne, of Providence.†

1703, March 13. He records in accordance with the law, the ear mark of his cattle, "in each ear a hole." He probably died about 1706, as on May 20th and December 20th, of that year, his son John deeded to brother Obadiah, for his well being and settlement, and for love and affection, certain lands, his, by right of heirship from his father John Browne (deceased), and his grandfather Chad Browne.‡

The homestead given to son James, July 6, 1690, was on the town street near the present junction of North Main and Randall streets, and Doyle avenue. Here he was dwelling as early as 1661, when the town allowed a way, that had been

* Prov. deeds, II, 67.

† Backus, II, 110.

‡ Prov. deeds, II, 64-67.

laid out across this, and other lots to be fenced under certain restrictions.* This way was afterwards reopened and is now called Camp street.

JOHN BROWN² (*Chad'*), b. in England about 1630; d. at Providence about 1706; m. Mary, d. of Rev. Obadiah and Catharine Holmes, of Newport. Children:

1. ENSIGN JOHN, b. March 18, 1662; d. Sept. 19, 1719; m. June 9, 1696, Isabel, d. of James and Hannah (Field) Mathewson. Children:
 1. John; 2. Mary; 3. Lydia; 4. Isabel; 5. Nathan; 6. Obadiah.
2. REV. JAMES, b. ——, 1666; † d. Oct. 28, 1732; m. Dec. 17, 1691, Mary, d. of Andrew and Mary (Tew) Harris, b. Dec. 17, 1671; d. Aug. 18, 1736. Children:
 1. John; 2. James; 3. Joseph; 4. Martha; 5. Andrew; 6. Mary; 7. Anna; 8. Obadiah; 9. Jeremiah; 10. Elisha.
3. OBADIAH, b. ——; d. Aug. 24, 1716; m. ——. Children:
 1. John; 2. Chad.
4. MARTHA, b. ——; d. ——; m. Governor Joseph, son of Joseph and Esther (Ballard) Jenckes; b. 1656; d. June 15, 1740. Children:
 1. Joseph; 2. Obadiah; 3. Catharine; 4. Nathaniel; 5. Martha; 6. Lydia; 7. John; 8. Mary; 9. Esther.
5. DEBORAH, b. ——; d. ——.

DANIEL WILLIAMS, one of the witnesses to this deed, was the second son of Roger Williams, the founder. His birth is thus recorded:

“ Daniel the son of Roger Williams and Mary his wife was born in Providence about the 15th of February 1641 (so called) counting the year to begin about the 25th of March so that he was born about a year and half after Marcy.”

* Prov. old records, II, 45.

† “ He was grandson to Chad Brown, one of the first planters of Providence, and son to John Brown, who was elected into their Council in 1665, and was afterwards an Elder in Providence Church. From Elder James Brown's son James sprang the four brothers who are now very noted traders in Providence, and great promoters of learning, and of the Baptist cause there. Said Elder's son Elisha was Deputy-Governor of the Colony in 1765, and his son Andrew was Justice of the Peace in the State, and long an exemplary Christian in the Baptist Church in Gloucester, until he died in peace, 1782.” —Backus, II, 116.

At the age of twenty he received a full purchase right from the town, as shown by the following proceedings:

1661, Feb. 24. At a Town Meeting, Mr. Roger Williams Moderator. It was voted:

"For as much as there hath been divers Bills presented by divers persons desiring to be accommodated with each of them a purchase right of land, whereof Daniel Williams & Joseph Williams were two of them who desired to be accommodated: the purchasers also having upon the tenth day of February 1661, taken their Bills into consideration but could not find that they could any of them be accommodated according to their desire without much damage unto the Town; it was therefore voted by the Major Part, that those persons who had put in their bills for lands should not be accommodated: yet upon the earnest request of Daniel Williams, the Purchasers who are now assembled together having considered some Courtesies received from Mr. Williams do therefore notwithstanding the former Order, grant unto Daniel Williams and Joseph Williams each of them a purchase right of Land: and the Order still to remain in force against all the rest."*

In the following letter from Daniel Williams, he very feelingly refers to some of the "*courtesies*" of his father to the town, which were the consideration for the above grant:

"To all them that deem themselves purchasers in the town of Providence, if they be real purchasers, I would have them make it appear.

Gentlemen,

I thought good in short to present you with these few lines, concerning the bounds of Providence, &c. I have put forth several queries to several men in the township, to be answered; but have not any answer from any of them; and, as I judge, doth not care to have any discourse about it. Therefore, now I speak to you all, desiring your honors will be pleased to consider of the matter, and to answer me to one or two queries; that is, whether you have any thing under my father's hand to prove the bounds of this town afore those twelve men were concerned; or whether my father disposed of any of the township to any other persons since the twelve men were first in power, &c. If my father had disposed or sold his whole township, and they he sold it to, or have it under his hand, prove the sale, although it was but for a

* Transcript, p. 162.

penny, God forbid that ever I should open my mouth about it, &c. It is evident, that this township was my father's and it is held in his name against all unjust clamors, &c. Can you find such another now alive, or in this age? He gave away his lands and other estate, to them that he thought were most in want, until he gave away all, so that he had nothing to help himself, so that he being not in way to get for his supply, and being ancient, it must needs pinch somewhere. I do not desire to say what I have done for both father and mother. I judge they wanted for nothing that was convenient for ancient people, &c. What my father gave, I believe he had a good intent in it, and thought God would provide for his family. He never gave me but about three acres of land, and but a little afore he deceased. It looked hard, that out of so much at his disposing, that I should have so little, and he so little. For the rest, &c. I did not think it to be so large; so referring your honors to those queries you have among you,

Your friend and neighbor,

DANIEL WILLIAMS.

Providence, Aug. 24, 1710.

If a covetous man had that opportunity as he had, most of this town would have been his tenants, I believe. D. W.**

Unlike his father, his mind appears to have been more strongly set on worldly than on spiritual affairs. Says Gov. Stephen Hopkins: "Roger Williams son Daniel was a hard labouring, industrious man, and on it being observed to Mr. Williams that his son Daniel would do very well in life, he replied: Ah! my son Daniel is like a hog under a tree of acorns, very industrious in eating them but never considering whence they come."†

1664-5, March 28. "Upon the request of Daniel Williams it is granted unto him to make use of the highway, (now Power street) lying between Mr. Sailes lot and Jane Power's lot, and upon the same conditions as Mr. Sailes formerly used the same."‡

1665, Feb. 19. He drew No. 11 in a division of lands.

1668, June 1. Took the oath of allegiance to King Charles the Second.

* Knowles's Memoir of Roger Williams, p. 110.

† Foster papers, IX, 314.

‡ Transcript, p. 171.

1670, Oct. 26. Freeman of the Colony.

1674, May 10. Bought of John Fenner, 60 acres of land at Sectunkanoge (Johnston), near John Sheldons.*

1675, April 12. Was No. 62 in a drawing of lots on the west of the 7 mile line.

1675, April 27. On Grand Jury.

1678-9, Feb. 24. He was granted by the town "A little slip of y^e towns common on Waybosset side, for conveniency of fencing in of his meadow which he had of his father Williams."†

1678-9, March 3. On a committee to levy a rate.

1679, July 1. Taxed 12s, 6d.

Oct. 15. Juryman.

1680, June 7. Surveyor of highways.

1683-4, Jan. 28. Bought land of William Hawkins, Jun., bounded east on Moshassuck river and north on land of Shadrach Manton.

1684, June 2. Elected constable, but furnishing William Hawkins as a substitute, his fine was remitted.

1685, March 6. Bought of Valentine Whitman a house and house lot, bounded north on a home share now in possession of Daniel Williams, which was William Harris', now deceased, and south by a home share now in possession of Shadrach Manton.‡

1684-5, March 20. Juryman.

1687, Sept. 1. He and estate of Nicholas Power, deceased, taxed 18s. 6d.

1693, June 5. Elected constable but refused to serve.

1665, June 3. Hay warden.

June 26. Grand Juryman.

1698. Hay warden.

Oct. 30. Bought of Richard and Ann Waterman a home lot, bounded south on lot of Samuel Winsor and north on William Hopkins.§

* Prov. deeds, III, 53.

† Prov. Town Meetings, III, 14.

‡ Prov. deeds, IX, 365.

§ Prov. deeds, XIX, 506.

1700, Decem. 24. Arbitrators were appointed to settle a difference "between Daniel Williams and William Hawkins about a fulling Mill which they the said Williams and said Hawkins built in partnership together on the land of the said Hawkins some time since." The arbitrators, Major John Dexter, Mr. John Smith and Joseph Jenckes, Jun., awarded and determined that Daniel Williams should pay William Hawkins £8 for his part of the fulling Mill, and that the said Mill with the dam, pond, water course and stream or streams, rack and tenter hooks and all other privileges and appurtenances should remain in the possession of the said Daniel Williams, his heirs and assigns for the term of thirty years from the date of their report, provided that the said Daniel Williams doth keep up and maintain a fulling mill in order and such a capacity, as that it may be capable to perform suitable service.*

1701-2, March 4. Sold land to Nicholas Power; northwest corner of Power and South Main streets.

1702, Nov. 10. He quitclaimed to John Sayles, Jun., the son of his sister Mary, 35 acres of land that his grandfather, Roger Williams, had given him in his lifetime.†

1703, May 5. He sold Joseph Smith a fifty acre lot and a saw mill, about a mile south of Peter Place, his dwelling, and on both sides a small river.

1704-5, Jan. 4. He bought of Daniel Brown a house lot on the town street bounded north on lot of Samuel Right (Wright), and south on lot that was formerly Valentine Whitman's.‡

1705-6, Jan. 28. On a committee to lay out a piece of land below the dam at the corn mill of John Smith, on the east side of the Moshassuck river, to Capt. Richard Arnold and John Smith, for a saw mill, not to damnify the ford or highway.

* Prov. Transcript, p. 333.

† Prov. deeds, II, 173.

‡ Prov. deeds, II, 204.

§ Prov. deeds, III, 53.

1709, July 27. On the Grand Jury.

His homestead appears to have been next south of the Nicholas Power lot which was on the southeast corner of Power and South Main street; where, upon the 9th of May, 1712, five days before his death he attempted to make certain deeds to his children "for their settlement" as follows: To his son Roger Williams he gave his homestead, a home lot on the town street bounded on the south with the lot of William Hopkins, and on the north with the lot of Nicholas Power, with a dwelling house, &c.; "provided he disturb not his mother Rebakah Williams of her reasonable privilege and benefit in said dwelling house and premises during her natural life." He also gave him two forty foot lots by the salt water, one being opposite the above lot and the other opposite the home lot he gave to his daughter Patience the same day.*

To his daughter Patience he gave a home lot on the town street that he bought of Richard and Ann Waterman Oct. 30, 1698, bounded on the lot of William Hopkins on the north, and the lot of Samuel Winsor on the south, and described, as near the salt water at the south end of the town. He gave her also his negro girl named Ann, four cows, "and all the goods that she hath in her chests and trunks or that part that her mother condescends to."†

To his son Providence he gave all his lands at a place called Wescotomsett, and a tract of land on the westward side of Chapatset river near the road that goeth to Woodstock; "provided he doth his part toward the relief of his brother Daniel as need requires."‡

To his son Joseph he gave "that tract of land whereon I have built which lieth a little southeastward from the mills which Capt. Richard Arnold built upon Woonasquatucket river also a dwelling house and fifty acres adjoining,—also a tract of land upon Quonopauge hill a little northwest of Mos-

* *Prov. deeds, A. X., 311.*

† *Prov. deeds, XIX, 506.*

‡ *Prov. deeds, IX, 141.*

wansicut Pond, always provided that he doth his part toward the relief of his brother Daniel as need requireth.”*

The only one of the above deeds that was signed and fully executed was that to son Roger. To the two deeds to Providence and Joseph was attached the following declaration :

“The above written instrument was made upon the request of Mr. Daniel Williams deceased and taken from his own mouth the 9th day of May 1712 and put in writing by me Richard Waterman, his sences being taken away from him soon after he had not opportunity to finish it.

RICHARD WATERMAN, Justice.
June 17th, 1712.”

The same date Peleg Williams, the oldest son and heir, executed a release of the above described estates in consideration of the declaration of Richard Waterman.

To the deed to Patience, his daughter, is attached the following declaration, and a quitclaim and release from her brother Peleg :

“The above Instrument was upon request of the above named Daniel Williams, written by Mr. Richard Waterman Justice, and read to him the Ninth of May in the year of our Lord one thousand and seven hundred and twelve; and the said Daniel Williams at the hearing thereof declared himself to be readily willing to sign seal and deliver the same to his said daughter Patience Williams but his said daughter Patience desiring him to take a little further consideration it was omitted.

We whose names are hereunder written were at the said time at the reading said Instrument to the said Daniel Williams who is now deceased and he declared himself earnest to confirm the same to his said daughter Patience but it was omitted for the reason aforesaid.

Subscribed to this Seventeenth day of June Anno Domini 1712
CHARLES TILLINGHAST.
ROGER WILLIAMS.”

The same date, June 17, 1712, Peleg Williams released to his mother Rebekah for life, all his interest in lands in Providence, and one-half of certain meadows, and the movable estate of his father Daniel, deceased, undisposed of; “in con-

* *Prov. deeds, IX, 369.*

sideration of my Honr^d mother's right of thirds, and for the relief of my brother Daniel Williams."

This was to revert for life to his brother Daniel should he outlive their mother, and to be for the use of that one of the brothers or sisters that he, Daniel, should choose to live with, "provided they take sufficient care for his relief and do not let him want anything necessary," and reserving the right to take the land and look after Daniel himself if he saw cause.*

The inventory of the estate of Daniel Williams, taken June 6, 1712, by Resolved Waterman and Malachy Roades, was received by the Council June 17th, and the widow Rebekah appointed Administratrix.

Among the items were two negro children, £40; four oxen, £18; ten cows, £30; young cattle, £7; a horse, £2; sheep and sheep's wool, £14; tobacco, £4, and a still, £6. The total amount of the inventory was £248, 16s.†

The will of his widow Rebekah Williams was dated June 12, 1725, and proved Jan. 1, 1727-8.‡ The inventory amounted to £164, 14s. Among the items was a negro lad, £80, and a negro wench, £65.

She gives to son Providence her two negroes Jack and Hope, to be employed partly toward the relief of her son Daniel, and upon the death of Providence and Daniel to be set free.

To her daughter Patience Ashton, she gives her negro, Genne, for her to dispose of as she shall see cause—"but it is my will that she the said Genne shall not be a servant during her life except she commit some fact that may give just cause, or some other like reason: so I leave it with my daughter Patience to deal Christian like by her."

All the rest of her estate was to be equally divided between her sons Roger and Daniel, and Peleg Williams was appointed administrator.

* Prov. deeds, II, 327.

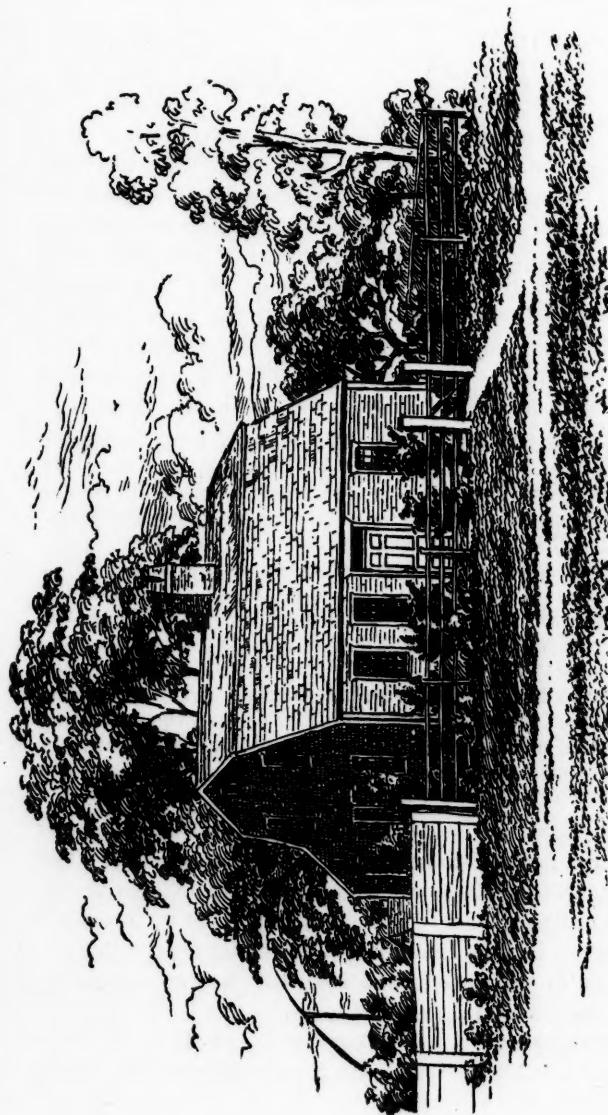
† Prov. wills, I, 218.

‡ Prov. wills, III, 101.

DANIEL WILLIAMS* (*Roger*¹), b. Feb. 1641-2; d. May 14, 1712; m. Dec. 1, 1676, Rebekah, youngest daughter of Zachary and Joane (Arnold) Rhodes, of Pawtuxet, widow of Nicholas Power, Jun., who was killed in the Indian war Feb. 19, 1675. She d. about 1727. Children :

1. MARY, b. ———; d. after 1740; m. Ensign Epenetus, s. of Epenetus and Mary (Whipple) Olney, b. Jan. 18, 1675; d. Sept. 18, 1740. Children :
 1. James; 2. Charles; 3. Joseph; 4. Anthony;
 5. Mary; 6. Amey; 7. Anne; 8. Martha; 9. Freeborn.
2. PELEG, b. ———; d. Feb., 1766, at Johnston; m. Elizabeth, d. of Timothy and Hannah (Burton) Carpenter, of Pawtuxet. Children :
 1. Daniel; 2. Robert; 3. Silas; 4. Peleg; 5. Timothy; 6. Freelove; 7. Elizabeth.
3. ROGER, b. May, 1680; d. Jan. 30, 1763, at Scituate; m. May 1, 1729, Elizabeth, d. of James Walling. Children :
 1. Elizabeth, who m. Jan. 28, 1752, Jonathan Tourtellot, of Gloucester, a grandson of Gabriel and Marie (Beron) Tourtellot.
 2. Rebekah, b. April 20, 1735; d. Feb. 16, 1816. in her 81st year; (buried in the North Burying Ground at Providence.) She m. (1st) David Thayer, of Mendon, Mass.; (2d) Peleg Williams, of Johnston.
4. DANIEL, b. ———; was living at Providence after Oct. 12, 1738; probably unmarried.
5. PATIENCE, b. ———; d. before 1764; m. William Ashton, son of James; b. 1680; d. April 19, 1765. Children :
 1. Joshua; 2. William; 3. Thomas; 4. Rebecca.
6. PROVIDENCE, b. about 1690; was living at Smithfield as late as 1763;* m. Elizabeth ———, and had d. Elizabeth.
7. JOSEPH, b. ———; d. March 4, 1739. He was killed by the Spaniards near the Bay of Campeachy.—(Scituate Records.) M. Feb. 19, 1716, Sarah, d. of Valentine and Sarah (Bartlett) Whitman, b. in Providence Jan. 26, 1696; d. Oct. 27, 1749. Children :
 1. Benoni, b. Nov. 15, 1716; 2. Goliah, b. Sept. 17, 1724.

* Under date of Oct. 6, 1763, President Stiles speaks of seeing Providence Williams at Squire Aldrich's house in Smithfield, where he was then cared for by the town, being 73 years of age and bedridden. He says he has one child—a poor daughter.—*Foster Papers*, vol. 9.



THOMAS GREENE HOUSE, WARWICK, R. I.

This sketch was made before Mr. Christopher G. Wilcox commenced to alter and repair it. It was built about 1750, by Joseph Potter, for his own use, and after his death was sold to Thomas Greene. From a pencil sketch by Mrs. Isabella W. Colburn.

NOTES.

1. John Greene, of Quidnessett, in conveying, March, 1681-2, a piece of land in Quidnessett to Daniel Greene, speaks of the latter as his "natural" son. From the use of this term "natural," some have inferred that Daniel was an illegitimate son. The use of the adjective in this sense is not uncommon at the present day, but there is good evidence that the word had a much more honorable meaning two centuries ago when applied by parents to children. I believe the inference above noted to be erroneous, and that the grantor's meaning would to-day be expressed by the words, *my own son*. In confirmation of this belief, let me call attention to a declaration upon oath of the date Sept. 4, 1684, which appears in the *Newport Historical Magazine* for October, 1882.

"These are to signify unto all Christian people wherever these presents shall come, that whereas it hath been surmised, ruminated, and reported amongst many people in the world, that William Coggeshall, now inhabiting in the town of Portsmouth, in Rhode Island, &c., was only the reputed son of Mr. John Coggeshall, of the town of Newport, and not his own natural son; I, Elizabeth Gould, now wife of Thomas Gould, of Kingstown, in the King's Province, in New England, &c., the only natural mother of the said William Coggeshall, do declare and testify, and in the presence of Almighty God solemnly and upon oath affirm that the said Mr. John Coggeshall was and is the only natural father of him, the said Wm. Coggeshall, and that he, the said Mr. John Coggeshall, did beget the said Wm. Coggeshall on my body before I was parted from him, being then his wife."

Very evidently Mistress Elizabeth, here quoted, understood the word "natural" to mean *own* and not illegitimate. The bearing of this evidence upon the meaning of John Greene in the deed referred to is seen more plainly when we remember that the two families, the Goulds and the Greenes, were near neighbors in Quidnessett, and also that the two documents bear dates less than three years apart.

2. The youngest son of Jabez and Honor (Huling) Chadsay, born Aug. 23, 1768, in North Kingstown, who died in the

same town, March , 1818, bore the somewhat peculiar name of Sirket Chadsey. Those best informed in the matter insist that the spelling was not Circuit, but as given above, yet can offer no hint as to the origin of the unusual name. As a suggestion toward an explanation, I offer the following item from the *Newport Historical Magazine* of October, 1882:

“Deed. Daniel Gould to John Sirkett. Daniel Gould of Newport, for £70, N. E., to John Sirkett, of Newport, 20 acres in Newport, bound S. by Edward Greenman’s land; W. by the highway or common; N. & E. by land of said Daniel Gould. Dec. 12, 1687.”

A GENEALOGICAL DICTIONARY OF RHODE ISLAND.—Mr. John O. Austin, of Providence, R. I., has nearly completed this great work, and if a sufficient number of subscribers can be obtained, will publish it during the present year. This book has called for an inconceivable amount of labor in its preparation. As a result, more than 400 names of the early settlers are found, and a clear outline of the first three generations is here given, and many of them have been carried to the fourth. Mr. Austin has labored faithfully, and has spared neither time, trouble nor expense. He has labored earnestly for an accurate and reliable work, and we believe that it will take, when published, a valued place among Rhode Island Historical publications. It is a work of which it can truly be said every Rhode Islander should own a copy.

IMPORTATION OF THE ENGLISH SPARROW.—The first importation of this bird into America of which we have knowledge is that of Mr. Joseph P. Hazard, about the year 1858, who sent the birds from Liverpool, England, to his nephew (the Hon. Rowland Hazard) at Peacedale, R. I., who released them here on their arrival. The shade trees at this time were sadly infested with canker worms and various species of caterpillar, and these birds were thought beneficial in arresting their depredations. The birds in this country have increased wonderfully, and being naturally of the English spirit of pugnacity,

they have been pronounced a nuisance. We think, however, there is room enough for all, and certainly these little fellows make our streets lively at all seasons.

THE TRIAL OF JOHN GORTON AND WILLIAM GORTON FOR THE MURDER OF AMASA SPRAGUE.—Mr. Sidney S. Rider, of Providence, R. I., has recently reprinted this celebrated trial, which is noted for the rulings of the judge in regard to circumstantial evidence and other questions arising in this case. It has always stood as one of Rhode Island's greatest cases, and the historic fact is recorded here that John Gorton, who received the death penalty, was the last person executed in the State, being executed Feb. 14, 1845, in the jail yard at Providence. The work makes a fine pamphlet of about 100 pages. Price, 75 cents.

At the annual meeting of the Rhode Island Historical Society, held January 13, 1885, James N. Arnold, editor of the **NARRAGANSETT HISTORICAL REGISTER**, was elected a Procurator for Washington County, R. I.

At the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Teachers' Association, held at Boston, Dec. 29, 30, 31, our contributor, Prof. Ray Greene Huling, of Fitchburg, Mass., was elected President for the ensuing year. We believe this to be a worthy appointment, and feel sure that the Professor will ably fill the chair. We feel proud that a Rhode Island boy has again been called to the chair of this important association. Receive, dear Professor, the congratulations of the **REGISTER**.

THE ANDREWS FAMILY.—Lieut. George Andrews, U. S. A., is preparing a Genealogy of the Andrews family, starting from John Andrews, of Boston, 1656. As this is a numerous family in Rhode Island, it will no doubt be duly appreciated by the family here and their kindred. May success attend the venture. The Lieut.'s address is Fort Snelling, Minn.

QUERIES.

1. Who was the wife of Abiah³ Carpenter, of Warwick, b. Apr. 9, 1643, d. before 1703 (William² of Rehoboth, William¹ of Weymouth) ?

A deed at the State House records the fact that this Abiah was a brother-in-law of Joseph² Carpenter, of Oyster Bay, L. I., son of William¹, of Pawtuxet. On following up this clue, I find that the first wife of Joseph was Hannah Carpenter, sister of Abiah. The will of Hannah's father makes allusions to a "couzen Carpenter" under circumstances that point to Hannah's husband as the person meant. This would indicate a common origin for the Rehoboth and Pawtuxet families bearing the name. May not William¹, of Weymouth, have been a brother of Richard, of Amesbury, in Wiltshire, England, who was the father of William¹, of Pawtuxet ?

No hint of the name of Abiah's wife has yet been discovered to my knowledge, but very probably some evidence on this point exists in the Rehoboth or Warwick records.

2. Who was Sarah, widow of Oliver⁴ Carpenter, (Abiah³, William², William¹), of North Kingstown ?

3. Who was Abigail, wife of Nicholas² Spink (Robert¹), of North Kingstown ? She signed with him a deed to Thomas Durfee, Jr., of Portsmouth, Mar. 23, 1702. At his death in 1733, Nicholas left a widow Sarah.

4. Who was the wife of Samuel² Teft or Tift (John¹), who died 1725 at South Kingstown ?

RAY GREENE HULING.

I want the "Marriage Records" of Theodaty Rhoades and the Widow Mary Vars. They were married, *probably*, in Newport or elsewhere in the State, between 1685 and 1707.

N. B. VARS.

Who were the parents of Amie Richmond, b. 1756, d. 1826, who m. Sylvester Wilcox of South Kingstown, R. I. She is said to have been born in Westerly. We shall be pleased to learn anything in regard to this matter. THE EDITOR.

ANSWERS.

1. To Query 6, Vol. I, No. 1, (July, 1882). Hannah Carpenter, b. Oct. 28, 1708, who married, Feb. 11, 1728, John Spink, of North Kingstown, was daughter of Oliver⁴ Carpenter, who died in North Kingstown about November, 1727. This Oliver⁴ was son of Abiah³, of Warwick, b. April 9, 1648, who was called "deceased" on May 18, 1703. Abiah³ was son of William², of Rehoboth, b. 1605,* d. in the winter of 1659-60, who in turn was son of William, of Weymouth, b. 1576.* Savage evidently supposed the will of William², on record at Plymouth, to be that of his father, William¹.

2. To Query 5, Vol. II, No. 1, (July, 1883). John Tift, b. Dec. 4, 1699, in his will recorded in Richmond, R. I., speaks of his father, John Tift. The father was probably John³, son of Samuel², of Kingstown, who died 1725, and was son of the John¹, first at Portsmouth and later of Kingstown, where he died 1674. It is probable that John³ was a son-in-law of Jonathan Sprague, of Smithfield, b. 1648, d. 1741, but the first name of John's wife is not known.

3. To Query 12, Vol. II, No. 1, (July, 1883). See also Answer, Vol. II, No. 2, (Oct., 1883). Susannah Earl, b. June 25, 1715, was daughter of John⁴ Earl (John³, Ralph², Ralph¹, of Portsmouth) and a Sarah Potter, whom he married in Kingstown, Mar. 19, 1711-2. I identify the wife as the Sarah b. 1690, daughter of Thomas³ Potter, of (South) Kingstown, b. 1663-4, d. 1729, and his first wife Susanna Tripp (John). Thomas³ was son of Ichabod², whose father, named either Nathaniel or George, had died before 1643*, when his mother Dorothy married John Albro, of Portsmouth. The wife of Ichabod² was Martha Hazard, daughter of Thomas, of Portsmouth.

These answers were obtained from private letters, mainly from Mr. John O. Austin, of Providence, and Mr. A. B. Carpenter, of West Waterford, Vt., prompted by the queries referred to. I forward them to the REGISTER because of their general interest.

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